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Robinson and Hancock to open Jazzfest

MUSIC Smokey Robinson will help kick off the 30th edition of the TD Ottawa Jazzfest.

The opening night concert on June 24 in Confederation Park will also feature the Wayne Eagles Trio and Trombone Shorty.

Grammy winner Herbie Hancock will headline the Friday concert in the first weekend, with other acts including trumpet virtuoso Etienne Charles and master percussionist Mike Essoudry and his Octet.

On June 26, the Al Henderson Septet open for the David Sanborn Trio featuring Joey Defrancesco on the main stage. Look for the Min Rager Quintet and saxophone player Kenny Garrett on the main stage Sunday evening, with progressive jazz band Mostly Other People Do the Killing playing later.

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Masters **All eyes on Tiger**

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Tiger Woods watches his tee shot on the first hole during the first round of the Masters golf tournament in Augusta, Ga. Thursday. Woods shot a 4-under-par 68 Thursday, his best score ever on the first day of the Masters despite a five-month layoff tied to a sex scandal. Woods had said he was nervous about how he would be received upon his return, but fans rose on the course and gave him a standing ovation. Sports, page 17.

'Bullet in the head'

Stadium reno interest could wreck city's finances: Doucet

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"It just seems like it could be a lot cheaper if we put fans on a Greyhound bus to Toronto or Montreal to watch a game."
Ian Lee, Sprott School of Business MBA program director

With interest rates destined to rise, the cost to the City of Ottawa for renovating Frank Clair Stadium will end up being a financial "bullet in the head," insisted Capital Ward Coun. Clive Doucet Thursday.

"If people still want to put that bullet in the head, they have the right to do that, but they should know that they are pulling the trigger," said Doucet at an event to discuss the cost to the city for renovating Lansdowne Park.

Ottawa is paying the full cost of building the stadium, and will have to take out a $116.9-million loan over 40 years. If they can get an interest rate of 5.35 per cent, the city will end up paying $167 million in interest alone.

Most stadiums in North America are funded by a mixture of public and private funding, said Sprott School of Business MBA program director Ian Lee.

Lee predicts that by the time the city takes out its loan, interest rates will have risen steeply and the amount the city will repay will be much higher.

The Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group guaranteed that the new Ottawa football franchise will operate for five seasons, bringing in an estimated $56.8 million.

"If we're only guaranteed five, I'm going to assume the stadium only has value for five years," said Lee. "That works out to a subsidy of $6.4 million per game by the 800,000 people of Ottawa. It just seems like it could be a lot cheaper if we put fans on a Greyhound bus to Toronto or Montreal to watch a game."

The Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group would not be involved with this project if they didn't think the team would be around longer than five years, said spokesman Kevin McCrann.

"This is Ottawa's world-class open-air stadium," McCrann said. "It will host Carleton University football games, soccer games, concerts. It's a public facility."

Detainees felt well-treated in Canadian custody, says retired officer

TORTURE Afghan prisoners didn't want to leave Canadian custody, even to be freed, a civilian-run military watchdog has heard.

The Military Police Complaints Commission got a much different take Thursday on how detainees felt about being handed over to Afghan authorities than it did earlier this week.

A retired military police officer told the commission that most detainees taken in the field felt they were treated well by their Canadian captors, especially given the relatively cushy conditions at Kandahar Airfield.

Retired Capt. Mark Naipaul said detainees ate well at the facility and most didn't want to be turned over to Afghan authorities. Even those who were let go didn't want to leave the base, he said.

"They would often joke about leaving the facility, that they had good food, that they could see that they were getting bigger," Naipaul said.

Naipaul's testimony contradicts that of another military police officer, Sgt. Carol Utton, who testified Tuesday that some prisoners "seemed quite delighted" to be handed over to Afghan authorities "because they could be bought out of the Afghan jails."

The commission is investigating an allegation from Amnesty International Canada and the B.C. Civil Liberties Association. The groups say military police did not investigate officers directing the transfer of detainees to Afghan authorities, allegedly at the risk of torture. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Divine drag for cancer fundraiser

Local drag artists Miss Michelle, left, Deedee Delite, Sydney Channel, Madison Avenue, Miss Gisele Gotti and Cleo Longaria will be starring in a drag show fundraiser for the Canadian Cancer Society at the Chateau Cartier in Aylmer at 8 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are $15 at the door. All proceeds to go to charity. METRO OTTAWA

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News in brief

CHINA Mayor Larry O'Brien and Beijing Mayor Guo Jinlong signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Continuing Co-operation between the City of Ottawa and the Municipality of Beijing Thursday while the mayor is in China. The pledge promotes co-operation between the two cities regarding issues of environmental protection, municipal administration, technology, and tourism.

CHILD PORN An Ottawa man faces child pornography offences after an investigation by the Ottawa police high-tech crime unit. Aaron Gilliland, 29, appeared in court Wednesday.

ENTER NOW Ottawa Race Weekend organizers say with 95 per cent of the 10K race sold out, they expect to beat last year's May 15 sellout date by a month. The half marathon distance is sold out. METRO OTTAWA

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WWI veteran to be honoured

Vimy Ridge ceremony recalls Canadians' service in Great War

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Canada will recognize its last First World War veteran, who died earlier this year, at the annual Vimy Ridge Day ceremony in the nation's capital Friday morning.

About 30,000 people are expected to attend a commemorative ceremony to mark the 93rd anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, held at the National War Memorial at 11 a.m., said Veterans Affairs Canada spokesman Simon Forsyth.

The ceremony will pay tribute to John Babcock, Canada's last known First World War veteran, as well as honour the service and sacrifice of men and women who served during the First World War.

More than 650,000 Canadians and Newfoundlanders served between 1914 and 1918. About 68,000 were killed, while another 170,000 were wounded.

Four Canadian Forces CF-188 Hornets and a Great War Flying Museum replica Sopwith 1/2 Strutter will perform separate fly-pasts at 500 feet over downtown Ottawa. There will also be speeches by Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean, as well as by a youth from Encounters with Canada.

Babcock died in February at the age of 109.

Street closures

- Closed between 8:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. are Rideau/Wellington Street between MacKenzie Avenue/Sussex Drive and O'Connor Street; Queen Street between Metcalfe Street and Elgin Street, and Elgin Street between Wellington Street and Albert Street.

Rexall spree **Winner**

MIRANDA MINASSIAN/FOR METRO OTTAWA

Metro's own Dara Mottahed hands over the prizes for the shopping spree competition, held in celebration of this year's winners of the Best New Product Awards. Kirsten Lyon, the winner of the event, took home a bag filled with the winning products, as well as a $250 Rexall gift certificate.

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Debra Kirshenbaum as Dromio of Ephesus, left, and Danielle Desormeaux as Dromio of Syracuse rehearse a scene from William Shakespeare's The Comedy of Errors at the National Arts Centre yesterday. Directed by Peter Hinton, the play, which opens Friday, also stars Paul Rainville, Albert Millaire, Andreas Apergis and Danette Mackay.

Water rate change proposed

REVENUE The city is considering adding a base charge to residential water rates in an effort to link the expense of supplying clean water with the revenue brought in from consuming it.

Under the current system, residents are billed based on the water they consume. The proposed system would have a base fee, with most of the bill coming from consumption rates.

Dixon Weir, the city's manager of environmental services, said the change is needed to stabilize water-related revenue. The city has to maintain the water supply network regardless of whether people are using that water. Replacing old pipes and expanding the network makes up the majority of expenses.

Weir said the change will have little impact on the average residential water rate payer.

The average household in Ottawa using 18 – 25 cubic metres of water per month would see no change or even a slight decrease on their water bill.

However, residences with very low consumption could end up paying an extra five dollars per month.

TIM WIECLAWSKI/METRO OTTAWA

Discussion

- The new rates will be discussed at the next planning and environment committee meeting on April 13.

Shows present options, ideas for homeowners

LANSDOWNE Spring has come to Ottawa early this year, giving home and cottage owners plenty of time to update their spaces.

The ninth annual Cottage Show and the fourth annual Big Backyard Show are being held concurrently at Lansdowne Park this weekend.

Held in three buildings, the shows feature specialty companies showcasing a wide variety of products and services tailored towards country and custom homeowners.

"This year's program has some great green options," said show director Ian Forsyth, "everything from energy solutions and alternative toilets to composite material decks."

Globe and Mail gardening columnist Marjorie Harris, and CBC Radio's plant expert Ed Lawrence will be on hand to offer their advice.

The shows begin Friday and run through Sunday.

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Candidates declare run for council

Richard Eveleigh has entered the council race in Stittsville, and Stephen Knight has signed on to run in Gloucester-South Nepean for the Oct. 25 election. METRO OTTAWA

Songwriter Dan Hill gets up close, personal

MIRANDA MINASSIAN
for Metro Ottawa

Dan Hill's father always expected incredible success from him. He just didn't think it would be as a singer.

Creator of the smash hit, Sometimes When We Touch, Hill has finally returned to his roots of writing prose. After losing his father, also named Daniel Hill, to diabetes in 2003, he was so brokenhearted he couldn't write music.

"Halfway through the book, I felt the catharsis of it."
Singer-songwriter Dan Hill

Hill turned to thousands of handwritten letters produced by his father over the years — ones that recounted his father's life, from his struggles as an African-American growing up in the 1920s to his pioneering work as the first full-time director of the Ontario Human Rights Commission.

Inspired by what he read, Hill produced a memoir, I Am My Father's Son.

"Halfway through the book, I felt the catharsis of it," he said. "At that point I started writing songs with more voracity than ever."

Hill, who performed music from his newest album, Intimate, at Centrepointe Theatre Thursday night, is holding a performance and book signing at the Rideau Chapters Friday.

Former Blue Jays prospect becomes first player signed by Ottawa Fat Cats

TRACEY TONG
for Metro Ottawa

BASEBALL A right-handed pitcher twice drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays has become the first Ottawa Fat Cats player to be signed by the Intercounty Baseball League club.

David Steffler, born in Peterborough, Ont., was twice drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays — in 1994, and again in 1997 after completing a junior collegiate season at Winthrop University in South Carolina.

"David Steffler is going to be our veteran arm who can beat anybody in this league," said Fat Cats head coach Bill Mackenzie.

"He has great control and command of four quality pitches." The Fat Cats are hosting an open tryout camp this Saturday at Ottawa Stadium.

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Immigrants take advantage of strong loonie

The strong Canadian dollar has immigrants across Canada heading to banks and remittance companies to send money to their families overseas. The loonie reached parity with the U.S. dollar earlier this week. It retreated a bit since then but still stood at 99.79 cents US on Thursday morning. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Anti-abortion activist gets jail

An anti-abortion crusader in New Brunswick has been sentenced to 66 days in jail for refusing to pay fines stemming from a 2007 conviction for failing to file his tax returns. David Little said in provincial court Thursday that he will never file another tax return as long as there is tax-funded abortion in Canada, and won't pay the $3,000 in fines for failing to file returns for 2000, 2001 and 2002.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Report links mental illness, addiction

HEALTH People with both mental illness and an addiction would benefit from a pulling together of services to treat and care for them, suggests a report that calls for a national approach to the problem. The report released by the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse shows more than half of the people who seek help for addiction also have a mental illness.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

PMO rejects Jaffer access claim

The Prime Minister's Office is rejecting any suggestion that troubled former MP Rahim Jaffer might have had special access to the halls of power.

A feature story in The Toronto Star quoted an associate of Jaffer's telling business friends that the ex-politician could open doors for them.

The story also says Jaffer still handed out cards listing himself as an MP even after he had lost his seat in the 2008 election.

Rahim Jaffer

Jaffer's own website speaks of his expertise in securing support from the Canadian government for the energy company he helped fund.

The website also features a photo of him standing shoulder-to-shoulder with Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

A spokesman for Harper said the suggestion Jaffer had any special access is false and absurd. Other Conservatives also told The Canadian Press that there was no way Jaffer could have exerted any influence in Ottawa, as he was not a favourite of Harper's after the 2008 election.

Jaffer had lost his Edmonton seat to the NDP, a disappointment to the Conservatives who had hoped for a clean sweep of the province. Jaffer pleaded guilty earlier this year to careless driving, following an incident last year in which he was initially charged with speeding, drunk driving and possession of cocaine.

The Toronto Star reported that Jaffer had been drinking with friends that evening, and had driven home in the car of his wife and junior cabinet minister Helena Guergis.

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PQ leader Pauline Marois may provoke Ottawa's ire with visit to Haiti.

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Murder conviction restored in Alberta teen's sex slaying

COURTS Canada's top court has ruled against two men connected to the sex slaying of a young Edmonton teen.

The Supreme Court of Canada judges ruled unanimously in both cases relating to the death of 13-year-old Nina Courtepatte.

Nina Courtepatte

They restored the first-degree murder conviction of Joseph (Snowman) Laboucan, 23, and dismissed an appeal by Michael Briscoe, 38, ordering him to face a new trial. Laboucan and Briscoe were originally tried jointly.

Courtepatte was lured to a secluded golf course in Edmonton, where she was raped and killed in April 2005.

At trial two years later, Laboucan was convicted of first-degree murder, but Alberta's appeal court overturned that conviction.

Briscoe was found not guilty of first-degree murder, kidnapping and aggravated sexual assault, but the Alberta Court of Appeal overturned his acquittal and ordered a new trial.

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$54.6M set for Haitian hospital

FOREIGN AID Canada will pump an additional $54.6 million into a Haitian hospital and the battered country's police force.

The Canadian International Development Agency has also announced that $65.15 million in humanitarian assistance will go to several Red Cross entities, the United Nations and other non-governmental agencies. That money will be drawn from Canada's existing aid budget for Haiti.

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Vancouver **Windy city**

KRISTEN THOMPSON/METRO CANADA

A woman takes a closer look at a sailboat that was blown off anchor and swept ashore at Kitsilano Beach in Vancouver on Thursday. Heavy overnight winds, reaching as fast as 100 kilometres per hour dragged at least five boats onto the beach.

MacKay takes Afghanistan leader to task over remarks

POLITICS Defence Minister Peter MacKay reinforced Ottawa's dismay with Hamid Karzai's Taliban musings in face-to-face meetings Thursday with senior members of the Afghan president's cabinet.

Even as he expressed his frustration to Afghanistan's defence and interior ministers, however, MacKay pledged an additional 90 Canadian soldiers and civilians to help train soldiers and police.

"We took every opportunity with Afghan ministers and Afghan officials to express Canada's disappointment over the president's comments," MacKay said from Kabul.

"Canada does not want to see the people of Afghanistan, who we have made a commitment to help and protect, punished because of ill-conceived remarks by President Karzai."

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Homeless finding space in shelters

VANCOUVER The number of homeless people is growing in Vancouver but more are finding a place to sleep in government-supported shelters.

A survey by the city found 1,762 homeless, an increase of 12 per cent from 2008. It also found an almost 75 per cent increase in the number in shelters. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rules letting sex offenders off the hook?

Some churches and volunteer groups have stopped screening for potential pardoned sex offenders such as Graham James due to tightened rules on police database searches.

Stricter enforcement of privacy around criminal records has made it far more cumbersome for society to weed out volunteers and employees who should not be working with the vulnerable.

The RCMP, which administers the national criminal records database, reined in access last December.

The criminal screening issue is getting widespread attention due to revelations that James — a former junior hockey coach who pleaded guilty to sexually assaulting two players and now faces allegations from others — was pardoned in 2007.

"The system is actually broken at this point in time."
Dannie Wilson

"The system is actually broken at this point in time, there's no other way to basically describe it," said Dannie Wilson, president of the Canadian Association of Professional Background Screeners.

Roger Wingfield, boss of Toronto-based Brokerforce Insurance Inc., says 1,000 churches his firm insures are in limbo.

"We've got people who are going to shut down their ministries and doing the (volunteer) work because they can't get proper screening," said Wingfield.

"Or they're going to use people who may have some problems."

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Wizard show **The Weasleys cast a spell**

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Hogworts has landed at the Ontario Science Centre in Toronto. Here, actors James and Oliver Phelps, who have played Fred and George Weasley, open the Harry Potter exhibit. It features 200 costumes, props and artifacts from the Potter movies.

Labour group pushing for tax Harper hates

FINANCE Canadians will hear a lot more about the need for a global tax on financial transactions.

A grassroots campaign in favour of the transaction tax has spread quickly throughout Europe.

Now, the labour movement is bringing the cause in serious way to Canada in the hopes of influencing the G20 summit in Toronto at the end of June.

The goal is to have G20 governments agree to a minuscule tax on every trade in stocks, bonds, currencies and derivatives.

The proceeds would be put in a global fund directed at poor countries or climate change.

The tax would also encourage traders to think twice before engaging in reckless behaviour.

"We think the case is extraordinarily strong."
Guy Ryder

"We want to make the case for it because we think the case is extraordinarily strong," said Guy Ryder, general secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation.

But Prime Minister Stephen Harper — who as the summit host is in charge of the G20 agenda — has refused to entertain such a notion.

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Cleric faces abuse claim

LAWSUIT A former bishop facing child pornography charges in Ontario is being accused in a lawsuit of sexually abusing a former resident of Mount Cashel orphanage in St. John's, N.L.

A statement of claim filed in the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador accuses Raymond Lahey of simulated anal intercourse and fondling.

The civil lawsuit filed by Todd Boland says he was a young boy in 1982 when he first met Lahey.

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News in brief

DISASTER The U.S. Coast Guard will hold a memorial ceremony in Halifax next Thursday, marking 98 years since the Titanic sank in the North Atlantic. More than 1,500 crew and passengers died.

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Peacekeeping veteran gets a new gig — lieutenant-governor

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Power bills to rise by $5

Consumers will face higher electricity bills as part of an $8-billion plan to create more renewable energy in Ontario.

People can expect an extra $5 a month on hydro bills by 2012.

Still, Premier Dalton McGuinty said it's a small price to pay for clean power and the creation of thousands of jobs.

"We're talking clean energy here" Dalton McGuinty

"We're talking about an increase of one per cent, maybe $5 a month," McGuinty said after announcing local clean-energy projects in Cornwall on Thursday.

"On the other hand, we're investing in a new industry that will create jobs and prop up our economy."

He added: "We're talking clean energy here."

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Lawyers told to testify

COURTS The Supreme Court of Canada has effectively ruled that Crown lawyers must testify at a public inquiry into the freezing death of a Vancouver man.

The court refuses to hear their appeal of an order requiring them to testify about why they decided not to charge police in the death.

Frank Paul died in December, 1998, after a police officer dumped him in an alley, soaking wet, after he'd been released from a drunk tank.

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News in brief

CRIME A former bishop facing child pornography charges in Ontario is being accused in a lawsuit of sexually abusing a former resident of Mount Cashel orphanage in St. John's, N.L. A statement of claim filed in the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador accuses Raymond Lahey of simulated anal intercourse and fondling.

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German meat supplier takes steaks — off diners' plates
A German meat supplier has found a novel solution to unpaid bills: repossessing the steaks right off diners' plates. Police in Aachen said Thursday that a dispute over money ended with the supplier grabbing his wares off the plates of some 20 bemused guests at a restaurant in the western city. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Sex Pistols' manager dead at 64

The British agent for former Sex Pistols manager Malcolm McLaren says the music impresario has died in New York. He was 64. Les Molloy says McLaren had been suffering from cancer for some time and died Thursday. The multi-talented McLaren rose to fame as the colourful manager of seminal punk band The Sex Pistols.
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Mine gases stave off rescue team

WEST VIRGINIA Levels of noxious gas dropped Thursday in a coal mine where 25 workers died in an explosion, giving rescuers hope that they might be able to get inside soon to look for four still missing. Teams spent more than four hours working their way through the Upper Big Branch mine by rail car and on foot in the morning, but had to turn back because of an explosive mix of gases in the area they needed to search. Crews at the surface resumed drilling in an effort to get fresh air into the mine. Gov. Joe Manchin said Thursday evening that the levels were near those considered safe.

"We're just moving as quickly as we can," Manchin said. "We want to bring the loved ones back."

Rescue teams had made it within 150 metres of an airtight chamber with four days worth of food, water and oxygen where they hoped the miners might have sought refuge Monday after the worst U.S. mining disaster in more than two decades.
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Sudan **Crisis point**

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Two-year-old Dhoah Thoan waves in a hospital ward in Akobo, Sudan, Thursday. Two years of failed rain and tribal clashes in this Sudan region bordering Ethiopia have laid foundations for a humanitarian crisis the UN mission dubs the "hungriest place on Earth." A recent survey found that almost 46 per cent of children in the region are malnourished.

'An instant death'

Toll from mudslides in Brazil expected to rise

At least 200 people were buried under tons of mud and feared dead on Thursday after a slum built atop a former landfill gave way in the latest deadly landslide to hit metro Rio de Janeiro.

If confirmed, the deaths would raise the toll sharply from the 153 people already known to have died this week in slides triggered by record rains. Pedro Machado, subsecretary of Rio state's Civil Defence department, told Globo TV that as many as 60 houses and at least 200 people were buried in the Morro Bumba slum in Niteroi, a city of about 500,000 just across the bay from Rio.

"In our experience, it's an instant death" for anyone caught in such a slide, Machado said. The shantytown was built on a former garbage dump where trash had accumulated for decades — making the ground there especially unstable and vulnerable to the heavy rains, said Agostinho Guerreiro, president of Rio's main association of engineers and architects.

"It is very fragile soil. It couldn't hold (the rain). The houses came down, destroying the ones below them," Guerreiro told Globo. "It was a tragedy foretold."

A fire spokesman said six bodies had been found so far in the Morro Bumba and 28 people were rescued after the mudslide hit late Wednesday. Record rainfall since Monday has triggered deadly mudslides across Rio's metropolitan area.

Firefighters said the official death toll stands at 153, but that does not include those buried in Morro Bumba. Nearly all the deaths occurred in mudslides that smashed through slums — yet another reminder that life in one of the world's most famous playgrounds is much different for the poor than it is for the rich.
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Israel confirms house arrest of ex-soldier

ESPIONAGE Israel lifted months of censorship on a military espionage case Thursday, confirming the house arrest of a former female soldier charged with leaking more than 2,000 military documents to a newspaper.

Kamm

Anat Kamm, 23, has been under house arrest since December, but the case was kept under wraps by a court-imposed gag order. The restrictions were eased Thursday after details of the case were reported by foreign media, including The Associated Press.

The indictment was released with some parts still censored and it revealed new details on the case, including allegations that Kamm copied more than 2,000 classified military documents and relayed them to the Haaretz newspaper. Some 700 were classified as "top secret." Prosecutors allege Kamm was the source for a Haaretz story accusing the military of killing Palestinian militants in violation of a Supreme Court ruling.

Israel's targeted killing policy was one of its most contentious in its years of bloody battle against a Palestinian uprising that began in 2000. Critics charged it to be illegal extrajudicial killing, while supporters credit it with quashing the Palestinian campaign of suicide bombings and shooting attacks.
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News in brief

CHINA A court sentenced a former medical worker to death Thursday for the stabbing murders of eight children as they waited with their parents to enter their elementary school a little more than two weeks ago. The Intermediate People's Court in Nanping city in southern Fujian province handed down the sentence to Zheng Minsheng after a four-hour trial, in which the official Xinhua News Agency said Zheng admitted "intentionally killing" the children. The randomness of the March 23 attacks and the fact that the victims were schoolchildren shocked China. The victims' ages have not been given, but Chinese elementary schools typically have students aged 6 to 12.
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China **About the Benjamins**

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A man laughs as he walks past an artwork showing heroic depictions of a soldier and a worker raising a bundle of Chinese yuan notes outside a gallery in Beijing, Thursday. U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner is expected to press Beijing over its currency controls when he meets the Chinese vice-premier.

U.S./Russian nuke treaty official

PACT Casting aside years of rancour, President Barack Obama and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev on Thursday signed the biggest nuclear arms pact in a generation, lacing the moment with new warnings of sanctions for an intransigent Iran. The pact commits their nations to slash the number of strategic nuclear warheads by one-third and more than halve the number of missiles, submarines and bombers carrying them. Said Medvedev: "The entire world community has won."
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'Whizzinator' seller sentenced

A 67-year-old California man who spent six years in prison for marijuana trafficking in the 1980s will spend six months in prison for selling a male prosthetic that helped men cheat on drug tests. George Wills sold a product called the Whizzinator along with a synthetic urine that could be used to fill the device. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TV producer detained in wife's death

Pimp My Ride and former Survivor producer Bruce Beresford-Redman was detained Thursday as a suspect in his wife's death days after reporting her missing in the resort city of Cancun, a Mexican official said.

The body of Monica Beresford-Redman was found Thursday in a sewer at the swanky Moon Palace resort where the family was on vacation, according to Bello Rodriguez, the outgoing attorney general for Quintana Roo state, where Cancun is located.

Rodriguez said a security guard at the hotel saw the couple arguing Monday night and said Beresford-Redman tried to hit her.

Beresford-Redman had scratches on his neck and officials were conducting toxicology tests to determine whether he had consumed drugs, Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez had left office later Thursday and his successor, Francisco Alor, said he would describe Beresford-Redman as a "person of interest" rather than a suspect, adding that several people in the hotel heard an argument in the couple's room Monday night.

"He's the initial focus of the investigation based on their alleged turbulent relationship," Alor said by phone from the state capital of Chetumal.

The cause of death has not been determined.

Beresford-Redman was nominated for three Emmys for his work on Survivor, the long-running reality TV competition.

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Bruce and Monica Beresford-Redman

Horrifying case takes bizarre twist

NEW JERSEY A horrifying case — a gang rape of a 7-year-old allegedly sold by her teenage stepsister to armed men — grew more bizarre when the girl's stepfather showed up outside a courthouse Thursday to say that three of the five accused men had actually tried to help the girl.

He was summoned to the courthouse by family members of the suspects, who have his phone number on speed dial, a seemingly strange alliance amid a crime that has inflamed the poor community of Trenton.

"These three had nothing to do with nothing; I don't know why they locked them up," the stepfather said of Gregory Leary, 20; Timear Lewis, 19; and a 17-year-old whom authorities have not identified because of his age.

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India **Fire destroys community**

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A woman cries while standing at the site where her house used to be, after a fire at a slum area in Ghazipur, near New Delhi, Thursday. The fire was reportedly started after a power transmission line fell, and the fire ravaged through about 600 dwellings, but no casualties were reported.

Thai government shuts down media outlets

UNREST Thailand's beleaguered government shut down a satellite television station and websites of anti-government demonstrators Thursday after declaring a state of emergency, then issued arrest warrants for protest leaders accused of storming Parliament.

The defiant "Red Shirts," attempting to drive Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva from office and force new elections, planned another mass rally Friday despite the emergency order that empowers the military to move against large gatherings. Abhisit cancelled a trip to Vietnam on Thursday to attend a summit of Southeast Asian leaders as he groped for ways to resolve the month-long crisis without use of armed force.

"What the government wants is peace and happiness," Abhisit said

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Philippines gay-rights group recognized as political party
The Philippine Supreme Court yesterday overturned a decision barring the group, Ang Ladlad, from contesting national elections in May. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Man faces caning for drinking alcohol

Malaysian ruling raises radicalization fears

A religious school cook in Malaysia was sentenced to six strokes of the cane and a year in jail for drinking alcohol, an official said yesterday, the latest in a series of harsh punishments from an Islamic court judge.

The rulings by Judge Abdul Rahman Mohamad Yunos have focused attention on the increasing enforcement of the stricter punishment prescribed by Islamic laws and raised fears that Malaysia — a traditionally moderate country — may be influenced by radical Islamists.

Two-tier justice

Malaysia follows a "dual track" justice system. Muslims are governed by Islamic laws and can be tried only in Shariah courts. The rest of the population is not subject to Islamic laws.

Consuming alcohol in public is an offence for Malaysian Muslims, who are 60 per cent of the country's 28 million people. Offenders are usually warned or fined, but not in Abdul Rahman's court, the Shariah High Court in Pahang state.

In the latest case, he sentenced Mohamad Sabri Zulkepli, 24, to jail and six cane strokes on Wednesday.

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Europe launches satellite to track effect of global warming

SPACE The European Space Agency launched a new high-tech satellite yesterday to measure the effects of global warming on Earth's polar ice and gather data on rising sea levels, information that could prove crucial to millions on the globe's coasts and islands.

ESA said at its European Space Operations Center in Germany yesterday it received a signal from CryoSat 2 after it took off on a Russian launcher rocket from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan, meaning lift-off was successful.

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News in brief

BALKANS Serbia's president said yesterday he told a top U.S. diplomat that Belgrade will never recognize the independence of Kosovo. Boris Tadic said Serbia "does not and will never recognize" Kosovo, which declared independence from Serbia in 2008, years after Belgrade lost control over the territory in a war.

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Judges reject attempts to delay start of genocide trial

Judges at the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal on Thursday rejected former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic's latest attempt to halt his genocide trial. The trial is set to hear its first witness Tuesday. It has been repeatedly delayed by Karadzic since the prosecution's opening statement in October. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Roma being used as scapegoats: Soros

Economy cited as rationale for targeting

Philanthropist George Soros says Roma, or Gypsies, are being targeted as scapegoats in Europe's economic crisis.

Soros says right-wing parties in several countries are using hard economic times to stir up fears of ethnic groups such as Roma and reap gains in elections.

He cited the recent strong showing of Italy's Northern League, which paid "special attention to Roma."

Soros spoke to The Associated Press on Thursday on the sidelines of an EU meeting on how to end the plight of the continent's estimated 12 million Roma.

They are present in all 27 EU countries and suffer widespread poverty and discrimination.

The two-day meeting is being held in this city in Spain's southern Andalusian region, which is home to about half of Spain's 600,000 Gypsies.

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9-11 museum on its way

MEMORIAL The shrines of candles and flowers and the broken pieces of steel standing at ground zero became iconic images of post-Sept. 11 New York in the weeks after the terrorist attack.

Visitors to the planned memorial museum will see re-creations of the vigils and makeshift memorials that sprang up around the city and the eight-month cleanup of the destroyed World Trade Center in exhibits focusing on New Yorkers' post-9-11 experience.

New renderings obtained by The Associated Press on Thursday show a woman paying respects over dozens of candles, flowers, teddy bears and a construction worker's helmet. The homemade shrines covered the city in the weeks after the attacks, particularly at Manhattan's Union Square, where relatives came with pictures of their missing loved ones.

Visitors will pass through a "Where were you on 9/11?" gallery, hearing recorded recollections of what people across the world were doing and how they learned of the 2001 terrorist attack.

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New York **Trying to free Willy**

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David Morin, a marine mammal biologist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration fisheries, tries to loop a rope around the tail of a beached baby humpback whale in East Hampton, N.Y., on Thursday. Scientists believe the whale was likely headed from breeding grounds in the Caribbean to feeding grounds off the coast of New England, a normal migratory route.

Police shoot, kill man with meat cleaver in his Sikh temple

CLEVELAND A man entered his Sikh temple in Cleveland early Thursday, raised a meat cleaver near two members, and was shot and killed by police, authorities said.

Police said they don't believe Ravinder Nijjar, 41, had a religious motive for his behaviour at the temple, where he worshipped.

Nijjar entered the temple with a meat cleaver 25 to 30 centimetres long, police said. The two members fled and returned with officers, who were confronted by the man, with the cleaver raised. He kept moving toward officers and was shot.

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News in brief

CRIME A man accused of dropping more than 30 explosive devices into mailboxes and other locations across east Texas did so out of anger toward the government and was acting alone, federal authorities said Thursday. Larry Eugene North was indicted Wednesday on charges of possessing an illegal firearm or destructive device.

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Hydro-Quebec has record year
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Banking **Strict warning**

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Scotiabank CEO Rick Waugh, left, and director John Mayberry at the bank's annual general meeting in St.John's Thursday. Waugh says Canadian banks could be weakened by stricter international regulations.

'It's adapt or die'

Strong loonie poses a challenge for businesses

The strong Canadian dollar is forcing businesses into an unhappy choice, says a new study — do the hard slogging and adapt, or do nothing and die.

With the loonie now expected to hover around parity for years, the Conference Board of Canada says firms that innovate, invest and go international will prosper, and those that don't — particularly manufacturers — will rust away.

The adjustment will be painful for both businesses and the Canadian economy, the think-tank says, but there is no longer any choice.

"We're having a challenge right now that people are loving us to death," said report author Glen Hodgson, the board's chief economist. "The world sees Canada as a safe place to invest. That's why we think, along with many others, that the dollar is going to be strong for a long time."

For many businesses, "It's adapt or die," he added.

Some firms have begun making the necessary adjustments, as reflected by an increase in foreign-based inputs and diversification in markets.

This week Statistics Canada noted Canadian exports to the United States dropped precipitously during the recession in 2009 due to a fall-off of demand. But, a closer look shows exports to the U.S. had been declining even before the recession.

Meanwhile, exports to other countries have risen 25 per cent since 2005, even counting last year's decline, while sales to China have kept going north, rising by 55 per cent in the past five years.

That has coincided with a period in which the Canadian dollar has appreciated a whopping 60 per cent against the U.S. currency, but remained relatively stable against other currencies.

Hodgson believes some Canadian executives know what needs to be done, while others "don't get it."

"I'm struck by the fact that there's a lot less moaning about the dollar this time compared to two years [ago]," he said of those that are making adjustments.

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Job losses

- UBS Securities estimates the loonie's rise since 2002 has hit exports by 14 percentage points, with a loss of 553,000 Canadian manufacturing jobs.

Interest rates likely to remain low

BANKING A new report from CIBC World Markets says that Canada's interest rates should remain "very low" by historical standards through 2011, even if the Bank of Canada raises rates this summer.

The report suggests that overnight rates will likely hold at around 1.25 per cent until the end of this year, and probably won't go any higher than 2.5 per cent by the end of 2011.

Avery Shenfeld, the bank's chief economist, says rates could also remain low in order to stimulate the economy, as both federal and provincial governments tighten spending in 2011 and potentially raise taxes.

He added that the Bank of Canada would take several other factors into account, including that domestic production is still below its potential.

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Some housing markets up dramatically: Group

HOUSING There are signs that some of Canada's major house markets have become overheated, although most others have shown a more healthy rate of moderate growth, according to a national real-estate sales organization.

Prices for all key housing types were up more than 10 per cent across Canada in the first quarter on a national basis, according to the Royal LePage survey released yesterday.

But Vancouver and Toronto prices rose much more dramatically — about 20 per cent in some cases — and the head of Royal LePage Real Estate Services suggested they may have risen too far in those local markets.

The survey found that, on a national basis, the average price of a detached bungalow in Canada rose to just over $329,000 in the first three months of this year — up 11 per cent from the first quarter of 2009. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Business in brief

LEGAL Canadian patent house WiLan Inc. has launched a court challenge against several of the world's high-tech heavyweights, alleging they have infringed on one of its U.S. patents with their Bluetooth products. Apple Inc., Dell Inc., Hewlett-Packard Co., Intel Corp., Motorola Inc., Sony Corp. and Texas Instruments Inc. are among the defendants. Ottawa-based WiLan is a relatively small company that specializes in managing a portfolio of patents and collecting license fees from equipment makers that use the technology in their products. It has yet to prove its case in court. Such challenges are common in the technology industry and often hundreds of millions of dollars can be at stake.

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Taking the streets back from the car

UrbanCompass

The National Capital Commission will consult the public this summer on a new plan for the city, and chief executive Marie Lemay is asking good questions, like this one:

"Do we want our National Capital Region to be bike- and pedestrian-friendly? And if the answer is yes, we have to be ready to do the things that implies. It might mean it will be more difficult for cars, for example."

Habitual readers of this column will hardly be surprised that my response to anything that puts people ahead of cars is an emphatic "Hell, yes."

It's hard to argue with Lemay's contention that Ottawa is built for cars first, to the ongoing detriment of the environment, air quality and physical fitness.

Pedestrians are an afterthought. The next time you take a 10-minute stroll in the city, try counting the number of times you're required to stop for the never-ending fossil fuel parade. While you're at it, see how many vehicles you can spot containing more than one person.

At city hall, the car is still king, parking is a key source of revenue, and much of the annual budget goes to building, expanding and maintaining roads, "traffic sewers" as bike-mounted Coun. Clive Doucet calls them.

But council hasn't been entirely asleep at the wheel when it comes to cyclists and pedestrians.

The city last week announced the Pedestrian Safety Evaluation Program, to study and improve 23 of the city's deadliest intersections, trouble spots like Carling at Holland and Donald at the Vanier Parkway, where the most pedestrians are killed or injured by motorists.

After the success of the Corktown Bridge, which joins Somerset Street and the University of Ottawa, environmental assessments are to go ahead on two more bridges for pedestrians and cyclists, one over the Rideau Canal at Fifth Avenue, and another over the Rideau River at Somerset East. Both will make it easier and safer to get around under your own power.

The city's cycling plan proposes to double the number of bike paths and lanes by 2025, but progress is slow. Plans for an east-west bike lane down Somerset, for example, were delayed this week by council.

Among the concerns is that the Somerset lane would come at the expense of curbside parking but, well, that's sort of the point. If you're serious about making room for bicycles, you have to take it back from cars.

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Views

Credit score falling? Insurance rates may rise

Marketplace

When Dave Frederick's home insurance premium came up for renewal, he got a nasty surprise. The new rate on his Blenheim, Ont., home almost doubled, so he set out to find out why. You might be surprised by what he discovered.

Like many Canadians, Frederick lost his job in the recession. He's recently had to declare bankruptcy, but has managed to hold onto his house. He says he's never missed an insurance payment. When he asked his insurance company why his rate hike was so high, they told him they now factor in your credit score when determining your premium.

Plenty of Canadian insurance companies have started using credit scores to help set your rates, saying the lower your score, the more likely you are to make claims. Just say you lose your job, you might hold off on fixing your roof. There's a bad storm, and your roof leaks. You're more likely to make a claim.

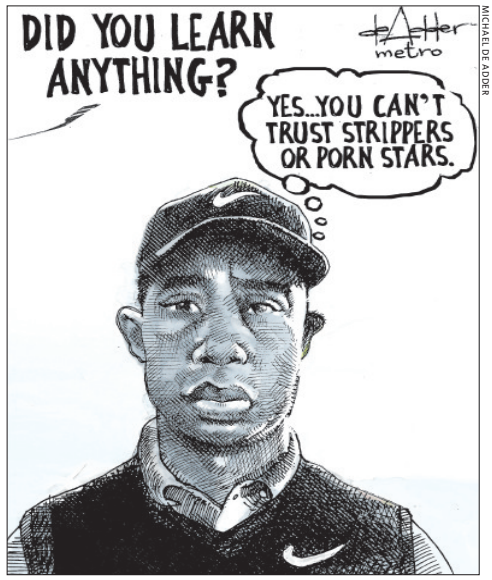
Frederick says it doesn't make sense. "I'm not going to start making claims because I'm unemployed. I mean it makes me no money."

It doesn't make sense to most people. A Marketplace poll conducted by Vision Critical found 87 per cent of Canadians don't think insurance companies should be using credit scores. About the same number polled didn't know insurance companies were checking them out.

So, are you paying higher rates because of your credit score? Here are few things to check:

- Check your insurance rates. Have they jumped recently? If so, your credit score could be the reason.
- You can check your credit scores with companies such as Equifax or TransUnion. If your score seems low, ask why. The agency might be able to suggest ways of improving it.
- Ask your insurance company if it uses your credit score as a factor in determining your rate. Not all companies do, so if you're not happy with the practice, shop around.

Wendy Mesley is a co-host of Marketplace, which airs each Friday at 8:30 p.m. on CBC Television.



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Butler rewards coach with 12-year deal

Brad Stevens is content to keep coaching the Butler way. The 33-year-old coach, who came within a buzzer-beating shot of winning the NCAA men's basketball championship, signed a 12-year deal Thursday that extends through the 2021-22 season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Brewers lock up Gallardo

The Milwaukee Brewers have gotten used to calling Yovani Gallardo, left, their ace. Now he's got a contract that keeps him in the fold with plenty of time to prove it. Gallardo agreed Thursday to a $30.1-million US, five-year deal that could be worth $42.5 million over six seasons. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Ottawa Senators centre Matt Cullen shoots on net against Tampa Bay Lightning goalie Mike Smith as Steven Stamkos and Andrej Meszaros follow up on Thursday in Tampa, Fla.

Bolts defeat Sens

Ottawa erases 3-0 lead, but loses in shootout

NHL RESULTS

Sens 3 Lightning 4 (SO)

VS

Teddy Purcell scored in the third round of a shootout to give the Tampa Bay Lightning a 4-3 victory over the Ottawa Senators on Thursday night.

Purcell and Martin St. Louis scored first-period goals, and Steven Stamkos added his 48th goal of the season early in the second on a power play to make it 3-0.

Ottawa's Nick Foligno beat Lightning goalie Mike Smith on a power play to cut it to 3-1 midway through the second. Jason Spezza added a power-play goal with 1:18 left in the second, and Mike Fisher tied it with another power-play goal early in the third.

Fisher took a pass from Daniel Alfredsson in the slot and easily shot it past Lightning goalie Mike Smith.

Smith made 35 saves for the Lightning, including a stop on a point-blank shot from Ottawa's Peter Regin with a minute left in regulation.

In the shootout Elliott was able to stop shots from Stamkos and St. Louis but Purcell executed a deke and slipped a backhander into the goal. Fisher had a chance to send the shootout into a fourth round, but his shot went high and wide. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Game notes

- Tampa's Mike Smith and Ottawa forward Chris Neil exchanged blows after Neil tripped him. Both players received double minors.
- Lightning forward Andrej Meszaros was hit in the throat with a slap shot in the second period and quickly left the ice. He returned in the third period.

Rudge helped give shape to Canada's Olympic vision

News that Chris Rudge is leaving his post as head of Canada's Olympic movement is cause for reflection.

While the timing might be right for Rudge himself, his foresight and leadership will be sorely missed as Canadians rediscover their affection for an illustrious Olympic tradition.

One thing's a given, we should all celebrate what Chris Rudge has been able to achieve during his more than seven-year tenure.

He came to the position of CEO of the Canadian Olympic Committee as a relative unknown in the world of high performance sport.

A former pro lacrosse player and high school teacher turned business executive, Rudge presided over halcyon days for the Games and the national consciousness.

On board in Prague in 2003 to guide the bid process when Vancouver acquired the 2010 Olympics, Rudge then secured additional public funding for both winter and summer sports and doggedly defended the ideals of Own the Podium.

No longer was it good enough for Canada to just take part in the Games, it must be a competitive nation.

There was, according to Rudge, a belief that the rich province of Ontario had to make a more significant contribution to Canada's sporting prospects. His support for and initiative behind Toronto winning the right to host the 2015 Pan American Games should not be overlooked.

The building of new infrastructure and a refreshed Canadian sports system is well underway thanks to Chris Rudge.

But it was the less tangible message that he delivered that is his ultimate legacy. Rudge was able to convince us that the Olympics and Canadian Olympic athletes are worthy of our respect and attention.

"Our kids," is how he refers to the Olympians. "It should always be about and for the athletes and everything else should flow from that." Rudge made sure that our Olympic heroes like Alex Baumann, Marnie McBean and Sylvie Bernier were put in positions where they could direct succeeding generations of hopefuls.

Chris Rudge

In short, Rudge had faith in the Olympic ideal if properly translated to Canadians. In that sense he was a visionary with a plan to get us back to where we belonged.

He never won a gold medal on his own but Chris Rudge was the leader who helped show our athletes the way.

Gemini Award winner and author Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. A 20-year CBC Sports veteran, he has covered a variety of professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

Sports in brief

MLS Major League Soccer has increased the size of rosters from 24 to 26 per team to boost the signing of local "homegrown" players. The league said Thursday it will allow teams to sign homegrown players from their youth programs to Generation Adidas contracts without those players having to go through the draft.

BLUE JAYS Vernon Wells hit his fourth homer in three games as the Toronto Blue Jays rallied for three runs in the ninth against closer Frank Francisco to beat the Texas Rangers 3-1 on Thursday.

Casey Janssen (1-0) struck out the side in the eighth, and Jason Frasor got his second save as the Blue Jays took two of three from the Rangers.

NHL The NHL awarded the 2011 all-star game to the Carolina Hurricanes on Thursday. The game originally was to be played in Phoenix, but when the Coyotes filed for bankruptcy, the league re-opened its options. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Woods has record day

AUGUSTA Tiger Woods shot a 4-under-par 68 Thursday, his best score ever on the first day of the Masters despite a five-month layoff tied to a sex scandal.

Woods made eagles at the eighth and 15th holes — the first time he's had multiple eagles in a Masters round. Also, he had never started with a score lower than 70 until Thursday, when he put himself just two strokes behind the surprising leader, 50-year-old Fred Couples.

"Why play if you don't think you're going to win?" Woods said. "If I don't think I can win, I won't enter the event."

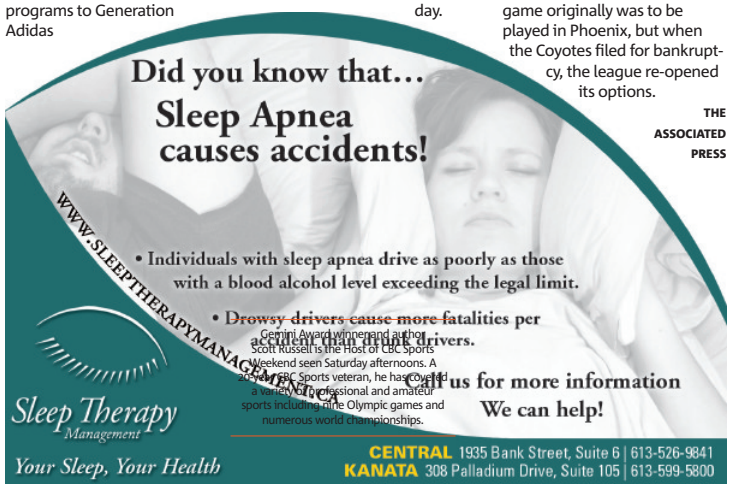
The world's No. 1 player is off to a good start for his fifth green jacket, and his score could have been even lower. He lipped out four putts.

Still, no complaints after being away from the game so long and enduring plenty of ridicule over his personal life, which fell apart after a November night car crash led to revelations of multiple extramarital affairs.

Even so, he heard nothing but cheers from the Augusta National fans.

"It was unbelievable, the whole day," Woods said.

Mike Weir of Bright's Grove, Ont., shot a 1-under 71. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Fulham defeats Wolfsburg to reach Europa semifinals

Fulham extended its remarkable European run by ousting German champion Wolfsburg on Thursday to reach the Europa League semifinals, where it will be joined by Premier League rival Liverpool. Bobby Zamora scored after 21 seconds to build on Fulham's first-leg lead and send the London club through 3-1 on aggregate. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Alex Ovechkin remains among the NHL leaders in many offensive categories despite missing 10 games this season due to a pair of suspensions and injury.

No rest for Ovechkin

Alex Ovechkin will be given every opportunity to add to his impressive trophy collection this weekend.

With the Eastern Conference crown long since locked up, the Washington Capitals have been rotating regulars in and out of the lineup to ensure they're rested for the playoffs. But coach Bruce Boudreau says his captain won't be asked to watch either of the last two regular-season games from the press box.

"Do you want that responsibility?" Boudreau said Thursday with a chuckle.

Ovechkin is in the hunt to reclaim both the Art Ross Trophy (most points) and Rocket Richard Trophy (most goals) with a few days to play in the season. The coach won't stand in the way of his pursuit.

"There's a lot on the line for him," Boudreau said on a conference call.

"It's a really difficult decision when you think about it. I mean, not only have you got the Art Ross, the Hart, the Rocket Richard, the accolades that go with that. There's a lot going on.

"You know, he rested when he got suspended. He hasn't played a lot. He doesn't practise a lot. It's not a question of him needing rest. He's in great shape and he's raring to go."

Washington hosts Atlanta on Friday and Boston on Sunday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Too many hitters obsessed with homers: Aaron

BASEBALL Hank Aaron watches games these days and is perplexed as batter after batter tries to jack pitches out of the ballpark, obsessed with the long ball that made Hammerin' Hank famous.

"I think some players need to understand that they're never going to hit 50 home runs or 45 home runs (a year). They've got to learn how to hit the ball to the opposite field and do the little things to help their ballclub wins championships." Hank Aaron

"I don't think they understand the role of what they need to be doing," Aaron said Thursday during a visit to The Associated Press.

"I'm not saying all of them, but I think some players need to understand that they're never going to hit 50 home runs or 45 home runs (a year). They've got to learn how to hit the ball to the opposite field and do the little things to help their ballclub wins championships."

He prefers not to discuss steroids, a subject that has followed him since Barry Bonds approached and surpassed Aaron's total of 755 home runs.

But he's willing to talk about his likes and dislikes regarding the way baseball has changed since he retired as a player after the 1976 season.

It bothers him when he sees today's players get themselves into trouble, especially in the celebrity-obsessed glare that illuminates baseball and other public professions.

He tries to counsel rookies and other youngsters to stay on the right path.

"The ones that think that they can have a shortcut in life, that's when they're going to get themselves in trouble, no matter who you are," he said.

"No one can tell me that you can consistently hit 60 and 70 homers, because the league is not made that way. This is the big leagues and every team has the best players they can," he added without prompting.

"If you hit 30 home runs, that's fine, but don't think that you will hit 70 home runs because there is no shortcut. Eventually, things are going to catch up with you."

Now 76, Aaron's a bit pudgier than in his playing days but still has the same broad smile, the same large, meaty hands that pitchers feared from 1954-76 as he vaulted past Babe Ruth, Willie Mays, Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, Jimme Foxx, Eddie Mathews and Mel Ott on the home-run list.

He held the career record from 1974 until 2007, when Barry Bonds made 762 the new 755, a record some in the baseball world find difficult to accept because of allegations Bonds used steroids.

Aaron never complained. He even recorded a video message played on the stadium scoreboard the night Bonds passed him.

A senior vice-president with the Braves, the former home run king is preparing these days for Atlanta's Arthritis Walk on May 22.

He's overcome knee osteoarthritis with Synvisc-One, a medication that's relieved his pain and which he's promoting in the run-up to the event.

"I was kind of embarrassed at first, walking around with my grandson, trying to play basketball with him and going out with my friends trying to play golf. I couldn't even throw a baseball to my grandson," he said.

"Rather than having surgery, I decided to try some other things. After I got my shot, I had no problem with my leg. I haven't had any problems at all."

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Canada falls to Norway; Rinks set to battle again Friday

CURLING Canada's Kevin Koe saved his worst round-robin game at the Capital One World Men's Curling Championship for the best possible time.

Koe's Edmonton rink dropped a 9-8 decision to Norway's Torger Nergard in a game that meant little in the standings.

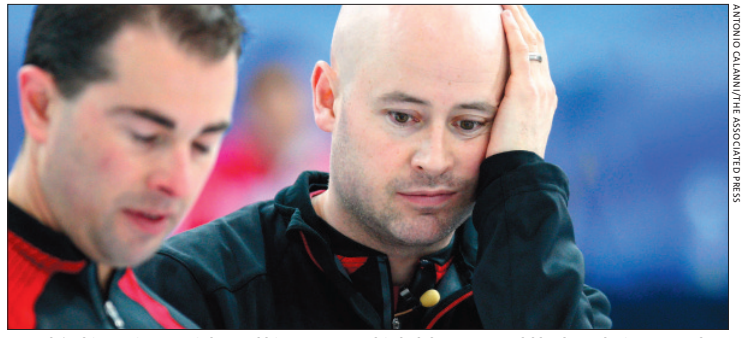
The victory clinched first place for Nergard (10-1), while Koe settled for second (9-2).

The teams will meet again in Friday's one-versus-two Page Playoff game, with the winner advancing to the final.

The loser will face either the U.S. (8-3) or Scotland (8-3) in the semifinal.

Koe struggled from the outset against Nergard. The Norwegians struck for three in the second end, and matched deuces with the Canadians over the next four ends.

After forcing Norway to settle for a single in the eighth end, Koe drew even with a point in the ninth. That gave the Norwegians the hammer in the tenth, and Nergard made no mistake, drawing to the four-foot for the game-winning point.



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Canada's skip Kevin Koe, right, and his teammate third Blake MacDonald look on during a match against Norway, at the Curling World Championships, in Cortina D'Ampezzo, Italy, Thursday.

"... It's a minor blip. We'll be fine." Canada's Kevin Koe

"I struggled out there tonight, it wasn't my best game personally," said Koe.

"So it was a little disappointing, but that happens sometimes. We'll be OK for tomorrow."

Koe said there wasn't much his team could glean from the loss.

"I don't think there's too many lessons from that, we just didn't play as well as I've been playing," he said.

"I've got a better game than that, so it's a minor blip. We'll be fine."

Canada opened competition Wednesday with a 9-3 victory over Rui Liu of China. Prior to the match, Koe expressed concern about facing Liu, despite his team being mired near the bottom of the standings.

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TV superstars Steve Carell and Tina Fey put their comic timing to full use in Date Night.

Date Night to remember

Date **Night**

Director: Shawn Levy
Stars: Tina Fey, Steve Carell
Classification: 14A
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕½

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

I'm not entirely sure where Date Night would be without Tina Fey and Steve Carell.

After all, the two television comedians-turned-big screen stars take what is an overly familiar premise, directed by an often critically-aloof filmmaker, and turn it into a thoroughly entertaining evening at the multiplex.

The pair play Phil and Claire, a bored, married New Jersey couple who try to spice up their weekly "date night" by spontaneously going to a trendy new restaurant in Manhattan.

Finding the establishment booked solid, they take another couple's reservation only to get through the risotto before two corrupt cops with ties to the mafia escort them into an alley and demand a mysterious flash drive.

From there, the mistaken marrieds end up on the run, a situation which soon generates for the twosome a race through Central Park, an awkward pole dance in a strip club, a quirky "Siamese" car chase, and the recurring and perpetually shirtless Mark Wahlberg (as a sympathetic security expert).

As inventive as that may sound however, those sequences would be nowhere if not for Carell and Fey spicing up the script with authentic chemistry and an immaculate sense of timing.

They indeed perfect the nuances of suburbanites in over-their-head with the same loveable charm that has made them respective TV stars.

In fact, a hilarious string of outtakes over the end-credits even alludes that the pair may have actually improvised the film's best moments.

Director Shawn Levy (The Pink Panther) is smart to let his leads carry the picture and by focusing on keeping the action fast-paced (the movie is a tight 87 minutes), he makes this Date Night definitely one to remember.

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Flaws keep Captain from taking flight

Captain **Abu Raed**

Director: Amin Matalqua
Stars: Nadim Sawalha
Classification: STC
Rating: ⊕⊕½

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Clothes — or, rather, a hat — make the man in Jordanian director Amin Matalqua's gentle comedy, in which a widowed old duffer (Nadim Sawalha) becomes a hero to a group of local urchins on account of the pilot's cap that he plucked out of the dustbin.

It's a cute idea, and the scenes in which Sawalha's eponymous protagonist spins barely credible tales of cockpit glory are genuinely charming, with the actor evincing equal measures of mischief and melancholy.

The film stumbles, though, once the deception is revealed and a chastened Abu tries to inveigle himself into the family lives of his young admirers.

The script's focus shifts from a genuinely moving notion — an old man reliving the adventurous youth he never had — towards more conventionally melodramatic territory, and a subplot involving one boy's abusive home life is so overwrought that it nearly scuttles the story altogether.

The film's visual equilibrium is similarly disrupted, as the elegant camerawork of the early movements gives way to self-consciously shaky imagery, a sure sign of a director trying to artificially heighten the stakes.

As one of the first Jordanian directors with any sort of profile in North America, Matalqa has the potential to be a relevant figure. Next time out, he needs to show more trust in his material — and in his audience.

A scene from Jordan's Captain Abu Raed.

High hopes for Hong Kong's X-Cops

SCI-FI With the market inundated with kung fu and historical epics, Andy Lau hopes his new sci-fi movie will break new ground for Chinese-language cinema.

The 48-year-old actor-singer attended the premiere for Future X-Cops in his native Hong Kong late Wednesday, describing his role as a police officer in 2085 who travels to 2015 to protect a teenager destined to become a prominent scientist.

"I think we've taken the first step in making sci-fi movies. I hope more people will try to shoot these kinds of films. I hope our skill and ability will improve and pull us closer to Western sci-fi movies," Lau said.

Lau said he wore a green jumpsuit during shooting so a computer-generated armour could be applied onto his body. "We wanted to present something new to audiences. People have seen many action movies. They've seen many comedies," director Wong Jing said.

"I think we've taken the first step in making sci-fi movies. I hope more people will try to shoot these kinds of films."
Andy Lau

But Future X-Cops, which co-stars actresses Fan Bingbing and Barbie Hsu, faces a tough challenge coming shortly after the massive success of Avatar, the James Cameron 3-D epic that went on to become the global box office champion of all-time. It was also a huge hit in mainland China.

Future X-Cops is also Lau's first release since he was exposed for lying about his marriage, which was seen by some as a ploy to maintain his appeal by projecting the image of a bachelor. The veteran entertainer denied that he was married in a TV interview last February, but Hong Kong journalists tracked down marriage records that showed he wed his Malaysian girlfriend Carol Chu in the U.S. in June 2008.

But Lau's popularity appear unaffected at the Hong Kong premiere on Wednesday. He was cheered on by about 200 squealing fans after he emerged on an outdoor stage near a popular mall in the Causeway Bay shopping district.

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Ford aboard Cowboys & Aliens
Harrison Ford has joined the cast of Cowboys & Aliens, director Jon Favreau has confirmed. Based on the graphic novel, the movie will see Daniel Craig, Ford and Olivia Wilde going up against nasty invading aliens in the old west. **EMPIRONLINE.COM**

Movies

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'She's a fighter, she's a survivor'

Swedish actress admires the spunk of Lisbeth Salander

You can't read her p-p-p-poker face — and don't try figuring out her tattoo, either.

As Lisbeth Salander, the genius sociopath computer hacker of Sweden's phenomenal Millennium thriller trilogy of novels by the late Stieg Larsson, Noomi Rapace is like a cyberpunk Lady Gaga, minus the lust for fame.

Her nose, eyebrow, lips and ears are covered with piercings. A shock of black hair covers nearly half her face and a ring of spikes adorns her neck.

Then there's her full-back body painting, a mysterious icon that looks as if it were created in Satan's own needle den.

It's the main image of The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo, the book and now movie (opening next Friday) that introduced Lisbeth Salander to the world, creating a franchise that rivals Twilight and The Da Vinci Code for blockbuster sales and fan devotion.

The book has sold 30 million copies worldwide in 44 languages, more than 350,000 copies in Canada. The film, the first of three, has already grossed $100 million (U.S.). Everything about Salander only gets weirder, as does the Larsson series through the remaining volumes of the Millennium trilogy, The Girl Who Played With Fire and The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest.

The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo opens next Friday

Noomi Rapace and Michael Nyqvist star in The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo.

How much of this is the punk, and how much is the real Rapace? It's a little bit of both, actually.

The self-taught Swedish actress, who successfully fought all comers to grab one of the hottest casting assignments of the 21st century, admits to having both an aggressive and a "girly" side to her.

Her first name is pronounced "know-me," but that's hard to do.

"The piercings were real, but not the tattoos!" a laughing Rapace, 30, said from London

"When I was 14 or 15, I had many interesting piercings and I was some kind of punk rocker. And I have always been on my own. I moved from my mother's and my stepfather's when I was 15 and have been taking care of myself since I was young. So I think that I'm also a survivor and I'm pretty stubborn."

Rapace began acting at age seven after taking a non-speaking role in a Swedish film. Her work since then has been mostly on stage or TV, but her award-winning performance as a downward-spiralling teen mom in the harrowing 2007 Danish film Daisy Diamond added "movie star" to her many accolades.

Rapace is well known across Scandinavia — she gets stopped in the streets for autographs — but notoriety alone wasn't enough to land the role of Salander.

"I knew I could change into her, but I didn't think they could imagine how I would be able to transform myself. So I was very surprised when they called me and wanted me to come in and do an interview."

What is it, though, that made her want to play Salander, a character of such extremes? She commits acts of violence but she's also the victim of horrific brutality.

"I like the fact that she's a fighter. She's a survivor. She doesn't accept being a victim." **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Kitsch picked for Battleship

Taylor Kitsch — the card-flicking Gambit from X-Men Origins: Wolverine — has signed on to star in Battleship, the board-game adaptation Peter Berg will be directing. IMDB.COM

Reel Time

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Shot of laughter in big city blues

InFocus

Richard Crouse

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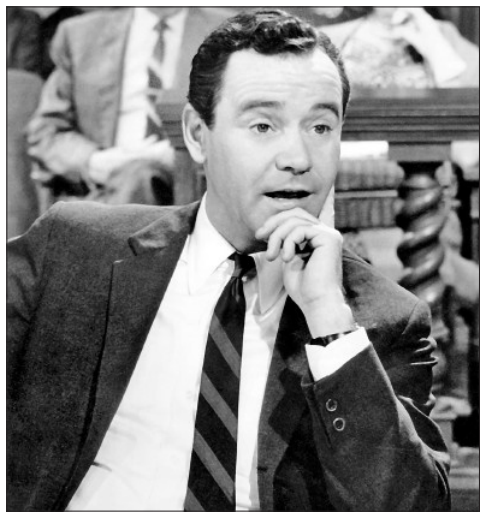

Jack Lemmon played a hapless Ohio man caught in big, bad New York City in the original version of The Out-of-Towners.

If you've only ever seen New York projected onto a screen it's understandable that you may have a skewed idea of what the city is all about. Charles Bronson made a career of showing the city's down, dirty and dangerous side in the Death Wish films and The Warriors didn't exactly earn high marks from the NYC Tourist Bureau.

Even comedies frequently paint the Big Apple as a scary place. Sure, romantic comedies make the city look great but there is a tradition of setting hapless comedic characters loose in Gotham with predictably chaotic — for instance, see After Hours, a Kafkesque Martin Scorsese trip through the mean streets of NYC — though funny results.

This weekend's Date Night sees two of television's funniest actors, Tina Fey and Steve Carell, as an average married couple who get pulled into New York's seedy underbelly after a case of mistaken identity.

It's a funny premise that breathes the same air as another forty year old film. Neil Simon originally planned to write the story of Gwen and George (Sandy Dennis and Jack Lemmon), an Ohio couple who experience the worst of NYC life, as a chapter in his Broadway play Plaza Suite, but as the tale grew to include a series of calamities — exploding manhole covers! Cuban protestors! — the playwright realized he needed a larger canvas and wrote it directly for the screen.

The Out-of-Towners (later remade starring Goldie Hawn and Steve Martin) set the template for the indignant, put-upon NYC tourist comedy. In this story even the police sympathize with — and maybe even envy — the unlucky day-trippers.

"You folks live out of town?" asks Officer Meyers.

"Oh yes," replies Gwen.

"You're lucky," says the cop.

Gwen and George can't even catch a break when they flee the city. On the plane home they get hijacked to Cuba.

King Shadov, an exiled king played by Charlie Chaplin in A King in New York has better luck, but just barely. Shot in 1957 but not released until 1973 because of its rapier jabs at American culture, the film follows a monarch who arrives in NYC only to discover his bank accounts have been drained.

Broke and on unfamiliar terrain he clashes with the American way-of-life, denouncing rock and roll, CinemaScope and Joseph McCarthy's communist hunt. It's one of Chaplin's best — although lesser known — films and would make a great double feature with Date Night.

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; mrchaos33@hotmail.com.

Gay film takes 'risk' in Malaysia

CENSORSHIP Malaysia's first gay-themed movie could hit cinemas within months, its producer said, after government censors eased restrictions that have stifled the film industry here for decades.

Although the Malay-language movie won't have explicit sex or even kissing, its screening would be a huge step forward for freedom of popular media in this Muslim-majority country that many fear is coming under the influence of Islamic conservatism.

"We still don't know if the censors will allow our movie to be shown in the end."
Director Raja Azmi

Dalam Botol, or In A Bottle, centres on a man whose relationship with his male partner crumbles after he undergoes sex change surgery, said Raja Azmi Raja Sulaiman, who produced the film and wrote the screenplay based on the experiences of her friend.

"We are taking a risk," Raja Azmi, a longtime movie producer, said in an interview this week. "I'm very nervous. We still don't know if the censors will allow our movie to be shown in the end."

Raja Azmi submitted a preliminary script last year to the Film Censorship Board, which verbally approved it after advising her not to shoot scenes of men kissing or being in bed together. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Scott gathers killer combo
Tony Scott is looking to gather one hell of a leading trio for his next movie, crime drama Potzdamer Platz. If it all comes together, we could actually see the combo of Jason Statham, Mickey Rourke and Javier Bardem in one film. **EMPIREONLINE.COM**

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Kristen Stewart, left, and Dakota Fanning find their rock soul in The Runaways.

Runaways rocks in style

The Runaways
Director: Floria Sigismondi
Stars: Kristen Stewart, Dakota Fanning
Classification: STC
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

There's no denying that The Runaways broke open the doors for many-a-female rocker to walk through. In fact, it seems shocking that until 1975 there hadn't even been an all-girl rock act on the scene.

However outside of that eyebrow-raising factoid, The Runaways' history is highlighted by little outside the conventional rock 'n' roll rags-to-riches-to-rags story. That's perhaps the biggest hurdle for the band's cinematic namesake.

Directed by Canadian-bred music video wunderkind Floria Sigismondi, The Runaways stares down the brief band life of future I Love Rock 'N' Roll hitmaker Joan Jett (Kristen Stewart) and 15-year old singer Cherie Currie (Dakota Fanning).

Surging with teenage sexuality and angst, each are misfits until they meet up through the music.

But as their band swiftly reaches stardom (they were actually huge in Japan), drugs, booze and exploitation take its toll on young egos and identities.

Loosely adapting Currie's 1989 autobiography, Sigismondi has insisted she aimed to reveal an important coming-of-age story.

But that only causes one to question why she then excised a sexual abuse experience that was pivotal to Currie's motivations. Or, for that matter, why she focused instead on making The Runaways one giant music video.

To that end, The Runaways is a marvel. Stylish, slick and at a snappy pace, Sigismondi keeps the music raging and the nostalgia flowing.

The film will gather fans of a generation of moviegoers who've grown-up distanced from the '70s but in the end, The Runaways celebrates the girls' music more than anything.

The central problem there is, how many songs of theirs can you name?

Movie morsels

Alice In Wonderland
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REVIEW Tim Burton was born to adapt the surrealist fantasy Alice In Wonderland. The visually inspired filmmaker is known for the twisted imagination and affection for the bizarre needed to translate Lewis Carroll's classic universe to the screen. From a technical standpoint, his film is a triumph. The eye-candy will captivate anyone watching with those new-fangled 3-D glasses. However, there's little going on to stimulate audiences beyond the visual flourishes. Burton regulars Johnny Depp and Helena Bonham Carter unsurprisingly steal all or their scenes.

Phil Brown/For Metro Canada

Chloe
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REVIEW Despite being a remake of a French film, the new movie from Atom Egoyan bears all the earmarks of the director's work. Continuing his career long examination of sexual taboos and miscommunication he's made a movie that is part sexual Scheherazade, part Single White Female but is also his most straightforward movie in years. Starring Amanda Seyfried as an escort hired by Catherine (Julianne Moore) to test her husband's (Liam Neeson) fidelity, it's a steamy thriller the director calls "an extreme examination of how to re-eroticize a marriage." There is no question that Egoyan is as gifted a filmmaker as we have working in this country, but Chloe, I'm afraid doesn't denote a high-water mark in his filmography.

Richard Crouse/For Metro Canada

The Crazies
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REVIEW The Crazies deals with a cataclysmic viral outbreak that turns its hosts into blistering madmen and yes, it carries the weight of Dawn of the Dead guru Romero's name. But the fiends in The Crazies are not dead, nor do they hunger for human flesh. The film casts always magnetic actor Timothy Olyphant as a small town Nebraska Sheriff who gets swept up in the traumatic events following an outbreak of a biochemical virus nicknamed "Trixie."

Chris Alexander/For Metro Canada

Hot Tub Time Machine
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REVIEW As you might have guessed from the title, Hot Tub Time Machine is a stupid comedy, but fortunately it's a self-aware stupid comedy that mines laughs out of how ridiculous it all is. John Cusack, Rob Corddry, and Craig Robinson star as a group of middle-aged friends whose lives peaked in the '80s with a trip to a ski lodge. They decide to return to the lodge (along with a young tag played by Clark Duke). Fortunately, spilling an illegal energy drink on their hot tub (don't ask) sends them back to an '80s ski comedy complete with bad hair, cheesy music, and evil jocks obsessed with Red Dawn.

Phil Brown/For Metro Canada

Entertainment in brief

POLITICS Actor Michael Caine offered support Thursday for a Conservative Party proposal of a civilian service program — drawing on his working-class roots to appeal for help for disaffected youths. The two-time Oscar winning actor appeared on the same stage as opposition leader David Cameron to support the National Citizen Service. "You may think to yourself 'what the hell is he doing here, why is he here?,'" Caine said after being introduced by Cameron at a news conference. "I'm here because I'm a representative of all those youngsters that have been forgotten in this country." He said last year he would support Cameron, arguing no party should serve more than two terms in office.

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Captain Abu Raed (STC) Fri 9 Sat 7 Sun 2-6:15 Mon 4:45 Tue 6:50
Coco avant Chanel (PG) Thu 6:45
The Dark Side of Oz (STC) Wed 9:15
Invictus (PG) Fri-Sat 4:15 Sun 8:30
Mary and Max (PG) Wed 7 Thu 4:30
The Sea Inside (PG) Mon 9 Tue 4:15
Les Vacances de M. Hulot (STC) Fri 7 Sat 2-9:15 Sun 4:15 Mon 7 Tue 9:05
The White Ribbon (14A) Wed 4 Thu 9:05

CANADIAN FILM INSTITUTE
2 Daly Ave., Suite 120, 613-232-6727

8E Divercine Festival (STC) Sat-Thu 7
In April (STC) Fri 7

CANADIAN MUSEUM OF NATURE
240 McLeod St., 613-566-4700

Classic Animal Tracks, Volume 2 (STC) Sat-Sun 9:30-10-10:30-11
Mischievous Meerkats (STC) Fri 3 Sat-Sun 11:30-1:30-3:30 Fri 4 Sat-Sun 12:30-2:30
No Films Showing Today (STC) Mon-Wed
Power of the Earth: Rare Earth (STC) Thu 6 Thu 7

COLISEUM OTTAWA
3090 Carling Ave., 613-596-9475

Aida (Verdi) Metropolitan Opera - Encore Performance (STC) Mon 6:30
Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:45-9:25 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:45-9:25
The Bounty Hunter (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-4:10-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:50-9:30
Clash of the Titans (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:40-10:15 No Passes Mon-Wed 4:30-7:40-10:15 No Passes Thu 4:35-7:35-10:15
Clash of the Titans 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Sat 1-4-7-9:40 No Passes Sun 12:55-4-7-9:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 4-7-9:40
Date Night (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 2-5-7:45-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 5-7:45-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (PG) Fri 1:10-3:50-6:30-9:10 Sat 3:50-6:30-9:10 Sun 1:10-3:50-6:30-9:10 Mon-Wed 3:50-6:30-9:10 Thu 3:50-6:30
Green Zone (14A) Fri-Sun 1:45-4:35-7:15-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:15-10:05
Hot Tub Time Machine (18A) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:50-7:50-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:50-10:20
How to Train Your Dragon (STC) Fri-Sun 1:15-4:15-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:30-10
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:15 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:40-9:15
Kick-Ass (STC) Thu 10
The Last Song (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10-9:50
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Sat 1:40-4:40-7:20-9:55 Sun 1:40-7:20-9:55 Mon 3:45-9:55 Tue-Thu 4:40-7:20-9:55 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Wiggles: Big Big Show in the Round (STC) Sat 1 Sun 4

EMPIRE 7 CINEMAS
111 Albert St., 3rd Floor, World Exchange Plaza, 613-233-0209

Chloe (18A) Fri 6:35 Sat-Sun 12:45-6:35 Mon 6:35 Thu 6:35
Clash of the Titans (STC) No Passes Fri 4-7-9:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 1-4-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:30
Cooking With Stella (STC) Fri-Thu 3:45-9
Date Night (14A) Fri 3:55-6:55-9:10 Sat-Sun 12:55-3:55-6:55-9:10 Mon-Thu 3:55-6:55-9:10
The Ghost Writer (PG) Fri 3:30-6:30-9:25 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:25 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:30-9:25
Greenberg (18A) Fri 3:35-6:40-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:35-3:35-6:40-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:35-6:40-9:30
Hot Tub Time Machine (18A) Fri 3:50-6:50-9:15 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:15 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:15
The Runaways (14A) Fri 3:40-6:40-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:20 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:40-9:20
The Wiggles: Big Big Show in the Round (STC) Sat-Sun 10

MAYFAIR THEATRE
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Army of Darkness (STC) Sat 11:30
Bjork Live in Paris (STC) Fri 9:15
Blood Into Wine (STC) Fri 7 Sat 3-9:30 Sun 1 Wed-Thu 7
Conan the Barbarian (STC) Tue 7
Conan the Destroyer (STC) Tue 9:30
Creation (PG) Sat-Mon 7
Dune (STC) Sun 3:15 Mon 9:20
Hell on Wheels (STC) Sun 9:20
Vampire Girl vs. Frankenstein Girl (STC) Fri 11:30 Wed-Thu 9

OTTAWA FAMILY CINEMA
710 Broadview Ave., 613-722-8218, familycinema.ca

The Neverending Story (STC) Sat 2
No Films Showing Today (STC) Fri Sun-Thu

RAINBOW CINEMAS
St. Laurent Centre, 1200 St. Laurent Blvd., 613-688-0850

Brooklyn's Finest (14A) Fri-Thu 9:55-4:40-9:20

How To Train Your Dragon was No. 3 at the box office last weekend.

Dear John (PG) Fri-Thu 1-6:50
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Thu 10:20-12:50-3:50-6:40-9:05
Remember Me (14A) Fri-Thu 10-4:30-7:10-9:30
Sherlock Holmes (PG) Fri-Thu 7-9:35
The Spy Next Door (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-2:20
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Thu 10:10-12:10-2:25-4:50
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri-Thu 10:30-3:40-9:10
When in Rome (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:30-7:20

RIDEAU CENTRE CINEMAS
50 Rideau St., 613-234-3712

Clash of the Titans (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri 4:15-6:45-9:15 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Sat-Sun 1:40-4:15-6:45-9:15 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Wed 4:15-6:45-9:15 Dolby Stereo Digital Thu 4:15-6:45
How to Train Your Dragon (STC) SDDS Digital Fri 4-6:30-9 SDDS Digital, No Passes Sat-Sun 2-4-6:30-9 SDDS Digital Mon 4-6:30-9 SDDS Digital Tue-Thu 4
Kick-Ass (STC) SDDS Digital, No Passes Thu 10
The Last Song (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 4:30-7-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 1:50-4:30-7-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 4:30-7-9:30

SOUTH KEYS
2214 Bank St., 613-736-1115

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri-Thu 10:15-1:10-4:05-7-9:40
The Bounty Hunter (PG) Fri-Sat 10:40-1:30-4:15-7:20-9:50 Sun 10:40-1:30-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 10:40-1:30-4:15-7:20-9:50
Clash of the Titans (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 10:50-1:40-4:30-7:30-10
Clash of the Titans 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 10:20-1:05-4:6-5:0-9:30
Date Night (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 10:25-12:45-3:20-7:20-9:55
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (PG) Fri 10:35-1-3:40-6:30-9 Sat 10:35-3:40-6:30-9 Sun 10:35-1-4:15-6:30-9 Mon-Thu 10:35-1-3:40-6:30-9
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She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Wed 10:10-12:50-3:50-6:45-9:20 Thu 10:10-12:50-3:50-6:45
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10-6:20
The Wiggles: Big Big Show in the Round (STC) Sat 1 Sun 4

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CANADIAN MUSEUM OF CIVILIZATION
100 rue Laurier, 819-776-7010

No Films Showing Today (STC) Mon
Requins 3D (STC) Fri-Sat 1-4 Sun 10-1-4 Tue 1-4-7 Wed 1-4 Thu 1-4-7
Sharks 3D (STC) Fri 11-12-2-3-5 Sat 10-11-12-2-3-5 Sun 11-12-2-3-5-6 Tue 11-12-2-3-5-8 Wed 11-12-2-3-5-7-8 Thu 11-12-2-3-5-8
U2 3D (STC) Fri-Sat 7-8:45 Sun 7 Tue-Thu 9

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CINÉMA DES GALERIES D'AYLMER
400 boul. Wilfrid-Lavigne, 819-248-2526

Clash of the Titans (STC) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:30-7:10-9:30 Mon 7:10 Tue 1:10-3:30-7:10-9:30 Wed-Thu 7:10-9:30
Date Night (G) Fri-Sun 1:20-3:20-7:20-9:20 Mon 7:20 Tue 1:20-3:20-7:20-9:20 Wed-Thu 7:20-9:20
The Ghost Writer (G) Fri-Sun 1-6:40-9:20 Mon 6:40 Tue 6:40-9:20 Wed-Thu 9:20
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (G) Fri-Sun 12:50-3-6:50-9 Mon 6:50 Tue 12:50-3-6:50-9 Wed-Thu 6:50-9
Je suis heureux que ma mère soit vivante (13+) Tue 1-3:30 Wed-Thu 7
Porteur d'Espoir (STC) Fri-Sun 3:40

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1100 boul. Maloney Ouest, 819-568-8000

Alvin et les Chipmunks: La suite (G) Fri-Sun 12-1:35-3:10-4:45 Mon-Thu 12-5:25
Les Détraqués (13+) Fri-Sun 9 Mon-Thu 9:10
La fée des dents (G) Fri-Sun 12-1:45-3:35-6:20 Mon-Thu 12-5:45
Percy Jackson et les Olypiens: Le Voleur de foudre (G) Fri-Sun 12-2:05-4:10-6:15 Mon-Thu 12-3:35-7:20
Le Petit Nicolas (STC) Fri-Sun 12-5:20 Mon-Thu 2-5:40-7:30
Les Sept Jours du Talion (STC) Fri-Sun 5:25-7:20-9:15 Mon-Thu 1:35-3:30-7-9
Shutter Island (13+) Fri-Sun 8:20 Mon-Thu 9:20
Trop Belle! (13+) Fri-Sun 1:40-3:30-7 Mon-Thu 1:50-3:40-7:20
Victoria: Les jeunes années d'une reine (G) Mon-Thu 12-5:30
La Zone Verte (13+) Fri-Sun 8:10 Mon-Thu 1:45-3:45-9:05

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Avatar (G) Fri 8 Sat-Sun 12:20-4:10-8 Mon 8 Tue 12:20-4:10-8 Wed-Thu 8
Le Chasseur de Primes (G) Fri 6:20-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:10-3:10-6:20-9:20 Mon 6:20-9:20 Tue 12:10-3:10-6:20-9:20 Wed-Thu 6:20-9:20
Le Choc des Titans 3D (STC) No Passes Fri 7-9:40 No Passes Sat-Sun 1-3:45-7-9:40 No Passes Mon 7-9:40 No Passes Tue 1-3:45-7-9:40 No Passes Wed-Thu 7-9:40
La Cité (STC) Fri 6:50-9:05 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:30-6:50-9:05 Mon 6:50-9:05 Tue 12:50-3:30-6:50-9:05 Wed-Thu 6:50-9:05
La Dernière Chanson (G) Fri 7:05-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:15-3:50-7:05-9:40 Mon 7:05-9:40 Tue 1:15-3:50-7:05-9:40 Wed-Thu 7:05-9:40
Gainsbourg (G) Fri 6:30-9:20 Sat-Sun 12-3-6:30-9:20 Mon 6:30-9:20 Tue 12-3-6:30-9:20 Wed-Thu 6:30-9:20
Kick-Ass (13+) Thu 10
L'Ecrivain Fantôme (G) Fri 6:40-9:25 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:20-6:40-9:25 Mon 6:40-9:25 Tue 12:40-3:20-6:40-9:25 Wed 6:40-9:25 Thu 6:40
Méchante Soirée! (G) No Passes Fri 7:10-9:20 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:10-3:40-7:10-9:20 No Passes Mon 7:10-9:20 No Passes Tue 1:10-3:40-7:10-9:20 No Passes Wed-Thu 7:10-9:20

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Alice au pays des merveilles (G) Fri-Thu 11:45-2:10-4:35-7:10-9:45
Alice in Wonderland (G) Fri-Thu 11:50-2:30-5:10-7:45-10:20
The Bounty Hunter (G) Fri-Thu 12:35-3-6:35-9:10
Le Chasseur de Primes (G) Fri-Wed 12:55-3:50-6:50-9:25 Thu 12:55-3:50-6:50
Chloe (13+) Fri-Wed 11:55-2:20-4:45-7:20-9:45 Thu 11:55-2:20-4:45-7:20
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Clash of the Titans (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-3:45-7:15-10:05
Date Night (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-2:40-4:55-7:05-9:20
Dragons (G) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:35-5-7:30-10
The Ghost Writer (G) Fri-Wed 12:15-3:10-6:30-9:35 Thu 3:10-6:30-9:35 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 12:15
Hot Tub Time Machine (13+) Fri-Thu 12:05-2:50-5:25-7:50-10:15
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12-2:25-4:50-7:25-9:55
Kick-Ass (13+) Thu 10 Thu 10
The Last Song (G) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:25-7-9:40
Méchante Soirée! (G) No Passes Fri-Wed 12:45-2:55-5:15-7:35-10:10 No Passes Thu 2:55-5:15-7:35-10:10 No Passes Thu 12:45
Remember Me (G) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:20-6:40-9:20
Shutter Island (13+) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:40-6:45-9:50

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The Bounty Hunter (PG) Fri 6:30-9:10 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:30-6:30-9:10 Mon-Thu 5:20-8
Clash of the Titans (STC) No Passes Fri 6:50-9:50 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:20-4:10-6:50-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 6-8:30
Date Night (14A) No Passes Fri 7:30-10:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:30-4:20-7:30-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 5:50-8:40 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (PG) Fri 7:10-9:40 Sat 3:20-7:10-9:40 Sun 12:40-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 5-7:40
Hot Tub Time Machine (18A) Fri 6:40-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:10-3:50-6:40-9:20 Mon-Thu 5:40-8:20
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (STC) Fri 7-9:30 Sat-Sun 1-4-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 5:30-8:10
The Last Song (PG) Fri 7:20-10 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:40-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 5:10-7:50 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Wiggles: Big Big Show in the Round (STC) Sat 1 Sun 4

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Avatar (PG) Fri-Thu 4-8
The Bounty Hunter (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:50-6:45-9:25
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The Ghost Writer (PG) Fri-Thu 1:45-7:20
Green Zone (14A) Fri-Thu 4:40-10:20
Hot Tub Time Machine (18A) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:25-7:50-10:25
How to Train Your Dragon (STC) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:35-6:30-9:10
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:20-7:35-10:05
How to Train Your Dragon: An IMAX 3D Experience (STC) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-7-9:30
Kick-Ass (STC) Thu 10
The Last Song (PG) Fri-Tue 1:20-4:20-7:05-9:45 Wed 4:20-7:05-9:45 Thu 1:20-4:20-7:05-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri 1:05-3:45-6:50-9:35 Sat 3:45-6:50-9:35 Sun-Wed 1:05-3:45-6:50-9:35 Thu 1:05-3:45
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Wed 1-4:10-7:10-10:10 Thu 1-4:10-10:10
When You're Strange (STC) Thu 7
The Wiggles: Big Big Show in the Round (STC) Sat 1 Sun 4

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Avatar (PG) Fri-Sun 10:50-2:30-6:15-9:50 Mon-Thu 2:30-6:15-9:50
The Bounty Hunter (PG) Fri-Sun 11:25-2-4:50-7:45-10:20 Mon-Thu 2-4:50-7:45-10:20
Chloe (18A) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:50-2:25-5:05-7:25-10:05 Mon-Thu 2:25-5:05-7:25-10:05
Clash of the Titans (STC) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11-11:30-1:45-2:30-4:30-5:15-7:30-8:15-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:10-4:30-7:05-7:30-9:45-10:15 Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:30-2:30-5:15-8:15 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:05-9:45
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Crazy Heart (14A) Fri-Sun 10:40-1:30-4:20-7:10-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10-10:15
Date Night (14A) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 10:30-11:45-12:45-2:20-3:05-4:40-5:25-7:15-8-9:35-10:20 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2:20-3:05-4:40-5:25-7:15-8-9:35-10:20
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Remember Me (14A) Fri-Sun 10:50-1:35-4:35-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:20-10
Repo Men (18A) Fri-Sun 11:35-2:15-5-7:45-10:25 Mon-Wed 2:15-5-7:45-10:25 Thu 2:15
The Runaways (14A) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:10-1:55-4:30-7:15-10:05 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2-4:30-7:15-10:05
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Sun 11-1:40-4:25-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:25-7-9:45
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Sun 12:35-3:40-7:10-10:15 Mon-Wed 3:40-7:10-10:15 Thu 3:40

Top albums on the Billboard 200
1. Raymond V Raymond, Usher; 2. My World 2.0, Justin Bieber; 3. NOW 33, Various Artists; 4. New Amerykah Part Two: Return of the Ankh, Erykah Badu; 5. Need You Now, Lady Antebellum. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

Friends in the right places

Slash gets help from Fergie, Ozzy and a range of other singers on his new album

KEITH CARMAN
for Metro Canada

Aviator shades, tight black ringlets and a foot-high top hat?

It's gotta be Slash.

Having founded legendary rock acts such as Guns N' Roses (GNR) and Velvet Revolver — not to mention penning some of the genre's most enduring tunes — guitarist Saul "Slash" Hudson is an unmistakable fixture in the annals of pop culture.

Still, while discussing the release of his 14-track eponymous solo effort, Hudson admits that even after a quarter-century in the spotlight, he's still a wreck when the curtain rises.

"I have butterflies every time I get on stage, man," he smiles sincerely, noting that such tension actually enhances his performances. "That kind of anticipation that makes you edgy; give it everything which is good, 'cause I think if (playing live) was like going to the bathroom for me, it'd be pretty boring."

Such apprehension is exactly what Hudson reveals culling inspiration from when creating his namesake record. Striving to break out of familiar confines without alienating fans, the album features an amalgam of his own inimitable sound/style and the voices of artists he felt best suited the riffs at hand regardless of background. End results range from the obvious (appearances by The Cult's Ian Astbury, Iggy Pop and Ozzy Osbourne) to surprising encounters with Black Eyed Peas chanteuse Fergie, members of Maroon 5, Avenged Sevenfold and Kid Rock.

"If I made a wish list of singers, it would be endless. I just wrote the music and thought about who would sound great singing on it. A lot of people wondered how the hell it was gonna work," he declares, confessing that he was one of them until hearing the final product. "It goes into certain directions but you don't get jerked into any particular style. I'm not forcing you to digest something you don't want to — I hope."

Then again, seeing as free lyrical reign was granted to each track's respective singer, Hudson realizes that maybe he is unwittingly imposing certain viewpoints. He doesn't mind though, so long as they're not offensive. To that extent, he notes finding a deep connection with Wolfmother's Andrew Stockdale on By The Sword. Or so he thinks.

"I guess someone could have written something like when I had to deal with (racially-tinged GNR track) One In A Million back in the day and I would've been, 'Whoa!' But everybody did their own thing and I could relate to most of them personally, like Andrew's lyrics. (They're) about carrying the torch for rock 'n' roll; dropping the bullshit and peripheral crap and forging forward for rock 'n' roll. That's what being myself is all about."

"Then again," he laughs, "I never talked to Andrew and I don't even know if that's what the song means … but that's what it means to me and that's all that really matters, right?"

Debut of Slash

• He's recorded with Guns N' Roses, Slash's Snakepit and Velvet Revolver in the past, but Slash's self-titled new album is the first true solo album of his career.

Spring ushers in urban thump

SoundCheck

Alan Cross

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With the warm weather and the opportunity to sleep with open windows comes the return of the Urban Thump Machine, those cars with the 1000-watt subwoofers that can be heard coming six blocks away, usually at about 2:30 a.m.

Music and cars have gone together for more than a hundred years. As far as anyone seems to remember, the first car radio actually predated radio itself. The Auto Wireless No. 1 was displayed at a fair in Missouri in 1904, more than two years before Canadian inventor Reginald Fessenden figured out how to broadcast voice and music through the air. I'm guessing that it wasn't a big seller.

Car stereos have come a long way in the last century.

By the 1920s, it was possible to order a radio for your Chevy, but they were big, bulky, fragile things susceptible to spark interference from the engine, meaning the only way to actually listen to it was with the motor off — not a great selling feature for an option that added more than $200 to the price of a car that sold for $800. Then in 1930, Motorola demonstrated the 5T71, a radio that could both operate while the engine was running and survive the rough roads of the day. Listening to the radio in the car took off.

In 1956, Chrysler brands offered an in-dash turntable — seriously — that played both the newish 45 RPM singles as well as special discs running at 16 2/3 RPM that could only be purchased from dealerships. But like the early car radios, they didn't work so well when the vehicle was in motion and were discontinued after just one year. It wasn't until the 8-track appeared in 1966 model Fords that drivers had a reliable (well, comparatively reliable) format that allowed them to choose their own music while on the road.

The cassette player was a big improvement when it came along in the 1970s and reigned supreme until the 1990s when CD players became tough enough to withstand the harsh automobile environment. Meanwhile, the era of the in-dash cassette player has apparently ended. The 2010 Lexus SC430 convertible — apparently the last model from a major manufacturer to offer a cassette player as standard equipment — has a new stereo. It now comes with a six-pack changer.

And how long will the CD player last? Show me a car with a built-in iPhone dock and I just might buy it.

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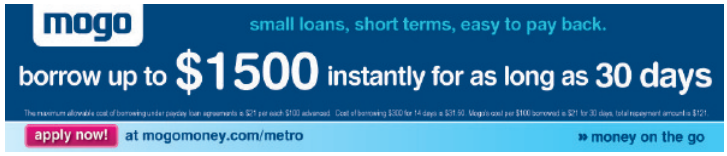

Fanfarlo's instrumentation, harmonies and percussion have led many to compare them to Arcade Fire.

Indie rock allies

Fanfarlo enjoys Arcade Fire comparisons

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

It can be tough being compared to one of the most popular indie acts in the world, but Simon Balthazar, Fanfarlo's lead singer, doesn't mind being mentioned in the same breath as Arcade Fire.

"They're a great band," he says. "But it's the same old. We leave trying to compare ourselves to other people, we prefer to let the music speak for itself."

It's easy to see why this British five-piece get compared to Montreal's favourite sons — they dabble in the same rich instrumentation, lush harmonies and pounding percussion as the Arcade Fire.

But the band have a number of other acts in them too — there's some Coldplay on the thundering I'm A Pilot and Beirut-like orchestration makes it way onto a whole bunch of tunes. Ultimately, Reservoir, the group's debut, is a brooding listen with layers upon layers of sounds. On I'm a Pilot Fanfarlo recorded 100 guitars.

"We rounded up every guitar we could find and all of us, and people in the studio and our friends — we got everyone in the room and played the song over and over again," says Balthazar. "We also spent hours doing layers of stomping and clapping."

Not every song took hours to record, but on the band's next disc — which they hope to start recording in a few weeks — it's likely the group will spend much more time in the studio than they have in the past.

"That's definitely the sort of thing we're interested in doing," he explains. "We just recoded a new song and again spent a lot of time playing around with percussion and layering. We're not the kind of band to go into the studio and plug in a couple amps and bust it out."

They're also going to keep using weird instruments when they get the chance. On Reservoir the group used "boxes full of rubbish" to create a shaker-like device. On the recent song they recorded, Balthazar says, "I found myself playing coconuts."

"They're a great band. But it's the same old. We leave trying to compare ourselves to other people, we prefer to let the music speak for itself."
Simon Balthazar

Whatever they play, it's clear that fans are flocking to band. They received rave reviews for their recent SXSW gig and Balthazar admits that more often than not their shows are sold out. Still, he's trying not to let the attention go to his head.

"We try not to analyze it too much," he says. "To some extent we've been in a bubble being in a van all the time. But we notice things have been going well and people are paying attention."

In Concert

- Fanfarlo will be in Montreal for a concert at the Just For Laughs Cabareton Saturday night.

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Federline apologizes to ex

During an emotional episode of Celebrity Fit Club, Kevin Federline finally apologized to Shar Jackson for cheating and leaving her to be with Britney Spears. "I know I've caused you a lot of pain. I've been selfish," he said. **POPEATER.COM**

Going Out

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 MacGruber

TV Yet another Saturday Night Live sketch is being fleshed out for theatres, and to mark the occasion, one of the stars of MacGruber, Ryan Phillippe, is hosting SNL on April 17. Let's assume there will be a MacGruber — it opens in May — sketch on the show. This is, after all, cross-promotion at its best.

2 Clash of the Titans

FILM It seems the gods aren't so crazy after all — well, the studio executives at least. The remake of the 1981 movie debuted at No. 1 last weekend, taking in $61.4 million during the three-day holiday period. The film's audience was roughly split, with 52 per cent taking in the 3-D version and the rest opting for 2-D.

3 Double Down

FOOD Kentucky Fried Chicken has introduced its latest culinary offering in parts of the United States, and it's a new take on bun-less. The new "sandwich" features two breaded pieces of chicken filled with cheese, bacon and mayonnaise. KFC says there are no plans yet to offer it in Canada.

4 Glee

TV Everyone's favourite group of singing students returns to TV after a brief winter hiatus. While the latest plot twists are of interest, we're more keen to see what songs the students of William McKinley High School will interpret this time.

5 Defendor

DVD Woody Harrelson's Hamilton and Dundas, Ont.,-shot superhero comedy Defendor flies onto store shelves on Tuesday. The film is about an everyman who, unlike that show-off Superman or fancy toy-carrying Batman, uses homemade gadgets to fight crime.

6 MGMT — Congratulations

MUSIC The Brooklyn band's new album, Congratulations, is officially out this Tuesday. Many of the songs from the new release are available on the band's website, whoismgmt.com

7 Dancing with the Stars

POP CULTURE The toe-tapping celebrity dance contest leapt over the wannabe-singers of American Idol in the ratings this week, marking the first time Dancing with the Stars has surpassed the juggernaut. Many are pointing to the polarizing Kate Gosselin as the reason for the show's recent success.

Mix of Six

New Music in New Places

When: Saturday, 8 p.m.
Where: Nepture Studio Theatre

The Ottawa Chamber Music Society's upcoming concert, New Music in New Places, offers an opportunity to hear the music of Ottawa composers Kelly-Marie Murphy, Inez deDeugd-McComas, Melissa Hui, Ryan Purchase, Chan Ka Nin and more. For tickets call 613-234-6306, or buy at the door.

Murder at the Avalon

When: All weekend
Where: The Glebe Community Centre

Murder at the Avalon presents an homage to neighbourhood life in the Glebe, with a murderous twist. Adapted from Ottawa writer Judy Peacocke's novel, the story is about the mystery of a body uncovered during a construction dig.

Gordon Lightfoot

When: Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.
Where: National Arts Centre, Southam Hall

As part of the National Arts Centre's 40th anniversary season, Canadian music icon Gordon Lightfoot performs at the NAC as a part of his spring tour. Tickets are $61, $67, and $77 at the NAC Box Office or through Ticketmaster.

The Comedy of Errors

When: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Where: National Arts Centre

When two sets of identical twins find themselves in the bustling city of Ephesus, a series of mistaken identities lead to wild mishaps.

Blood Brothers

When: All weekend
Where: The Gladstone Theatre

The first musical production at the Gladstone, Blood Brothers is an award-winning and international smash hit by Willy Russell. For tickets call 613-233-4523.

The Cottage Show

When: All weekend
Where: Lansdowne Park

The Cottage Show and The Big Backyard Show will offer 12,000 attendees a chance to kick-start the summer season. The 9th annual Cottage Show features ideas for cottage and country living.

Polanski attorneys call for investigation

LEGAL Roman Polanski's lawyers have filed a last legal volley in a California appeals court, saying that the 33-year-old sex case and its lengthy delays have been an assault on the state's judicial system.

The attorneys said in papers filed Tuesday that the court should order an investigation of judicial misconduct in Polanski's original case and that the Oscar-winning filmmaker should not have to pay for it — an indication that he is running out of funds.

Polanski was arrested six months ago on a fugitive warrant from Los Angeles and is under house arrest in Switzerland. The 76-year-old has mounting debts and no way to earn a living while in custody, his attorneys said.

The defence made their latest plea in response to arguments from prosecutors who say Polanski must return from Europe to face sentencing. The defence argued that the director should be sentenced in absentia to time served. The papers were filed in the California 2nd District Court of Appeal.

"It is unjust for a defendant's constitutional rights to be held hostage to the district attorney's office's outright refusal to investigate the misconduct in which it was involved," said the defence brief.

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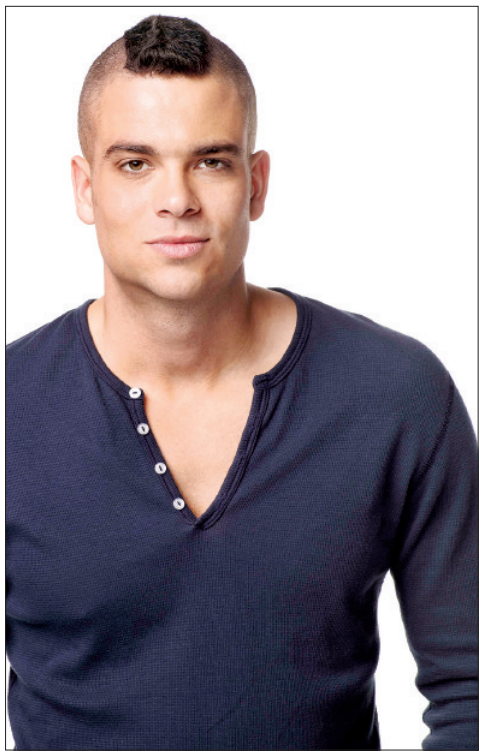
Meloni to stay on Law & Order

TV star Chris Meloni of Law & Order: Special Victims Unit says contrary to reports in February that he intended to leave the popular NBC TV show after shooting season 12, he has no plans to hand in his badge. **USMAGAZINE.COM**

Television



Glee star Mark Salling's attention-getting Mohawk was one of the reasons behind his casting on the hit show.

Mark Salling's gleeful break

Singer's hair landed him role of a lifetime on hit show

IAN JOHNSTON
for Metro Canada

For Glee star Mark Salling, winning the role of high school bad boy Puck was all about the hair — an attention-grabbing Mohawk that made him stand out from the crowd.

"That was my idea for the audition. I wanted to set myself apart," says the Dallas, Texas, native. "They (the producers) decided to stick with it."

Salling, 27, might want to rethink dumping the hair though. You don't want to mess with success. And let's face it, it's been nothing but success so far for the fledgling series — which recently won a Golden Globe for best comedy/musical.

The show's appeal also appears to have no cultural barriers. On this day, Salling is fielding interviews from reporters in Australia, Spain, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Mexico and Singapore.

Still, for Salling — an established singer/musician who plays multiple instruments — the show remains a challenge.

"I wasn't in the glee club in school. I did more the traditional rock band," he says. "Music has always been a part of my life. But I'm not a dancer. Sometimes it is difficult. But that's why we have a great choreographer."

Salling doesn't see too much of himself in the character of tough guy Puck.

"At certain times I channel some of the douche bags I went to school with," he laughs. "I expect they'll be trying to soften him (Puck) a little in the future."

As for his own music career — he's already released an album — Salling counts Radiohead and Coldplay as influences, which isn't exactly in keeping with Glee's musical songbook.

Still, Salling wouldn't turn down the opportunity to write a song for the show. "Well, I try not to press it," he says. "But I would consider it an honour if it happened."

Glee returns with a new episode Tuesday

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Cheesy Manicotti

PREP TIME: 40 MIN. ➤ TOTAL TIME: 1 HR. 25 MIN.
➤ MAKES: 7 SERVINGS, (2 STUFFED SHELLS (228 G))

What You Need

1 pkg. (227 g) fresh mushrooms, chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
3 egg whites
1 pkg. (300 g) frozen chopped spinach, thawed, well drained
1 container (475 g) part-skim ricotta cheese
1 cup *Kraft* Part Skim Mozzarella Shredded Cheese, divided
1/3 cup *Kraft* 100% Parmesan Light Grated Cheese, divided
1 pkg. (250 g) manicotti shells (14 shells), cooked, drained
2 cups pasta sauce

Make it

HEAT oven to 350°F.

HEAT nonstick skillet sprayed with cooking spray on medium heat. Add mushrooms and garlic; cook 5 min., stirring frequently. Remove from heat.

Beat egg whites in medium bowl. Add mushroom mixture, spinach, ricotta and half each of the mozzarella and Parmesan cheeses; mix well. Spoon into manicotti shells.

PLACE in 13x9-inch baking dish sprayed with cooking spray; cover with pasta sauce.

BAKE 40 min. or until heated through. Top with remaining cheeses; bake 5 min. or until mozzarella is melted.

Nutrition Information

Per Serving: 370 calories, 12g total fat, 6g saturated fat, 35mg cholesterol, 790mg sodium, 41g carbohydrate, 3g dietary fibre, 11g sugars, 23g protein, 35%DV vitamin A, 10%DV vitamin C, 40%DV calcium, 20%DV iron. Exchange: 2 Carbohydrates, 2 Meat & Alternatives, 1 Fats

THIS WEEK ON THE SHOW – PASTA MADE OVER ➤ whatscookingtv.com

Scottish comedian stays true to his roots

IAN JOHNSTON
for Metro Canada

COMEDY Most comics spend years performing, dreaming of the day they get booked on Letterman.

But for Scottish comic Danny Bhoy, his appearance last month on the Late Show with David Letterman came pretty much out of the blue.

"I'd been in the U.S. for months and haven't worked, and couldn't get even an opening slot anywhere," says Bhoy, who released his new DVD, Danny Bhoy: Subject To Change, this week.

"And for some bizarre reason, suddenly I get booked on Letterman, which is like the Holy Grail for a lot of comics. Here, I haven't done anything yet, and I've got the biggest gig in the U.S."

Not that Bhoy is exactly unknown. In Canada, and countries like Australia and New Zealand, he's a sought-after, award-winning headliner with a decade of sold-out shows on his resumé.

Despite that world-hopping, Bhoy says his comedy act stays pretty much the same no matter which country he is in.

He claims that Scottish audiences rarely take offense at his hilarious attacks on such local traditions as bagpipe music.

"Actually, it's strange. That routine plays better in Scotland, where the bagpipe is seen as a very touristy thing, maybe for weddings, but definitely to be made fun of. It's a little different in Canada where perhaps they're a bit more serious about it. Still, they all laugh."

As successful as he's been so far, Bhoy has no plans to follow in the footsteps of a lot of stand-up comics and become an actor.

"I don't want to act," he declares. "Which is a painful thing to tell managers or agents. I prefer doing what I do: Performing live. If I were to do my own show, it wouldn't be me playing a part. I'd just be myself."

Danny Bhoy

Just for laughs

- Danny Bhoy – Subject To Change hit stores this week and will be aired on the Comedy Network on Saturday, April 17.
- Bhoy's Canadian tour begins April 29 in Toronto. Other shows include Ottawa (May 1-2), Halifax (May 8), Calgary (May 14), and Vancouver (May 16).
- For more on Bhoy, visit his website at dannybhoy.com.

Television

In brief

REALITY TV Reality star and supermom Kate Gosselin is launching a series that will profile everyday women facing personal challenges. Twist of Kate will follow Gosselin as she visits the homes and workplaces of her subjects, where she will exchange insights for living. The season will premiere in late summer, the TLC network said Thursday. The single mother of young twins and sextuplets, Gosselin will also revisit her family life for a series of Kate Plus 8 specials beginning in June.

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Oprah to make night move

Talk show queen will air program on new network

Daytime superstar Oprah Winfrey will be moving to nighttime to host a show on her new cable channel.

Oprah's Next Chapter, an hourlong show, will release Winfrey from the studio and her longtime talk-show format for conversations and travel around the world, the Oprah Winfrey Network announced Thursday.

The show is expected to be a key ingredient of OWN, and guarantees Winfrey will regularly appear on the 24-hour network she'll be largely programming from behind the scenes. It will premiere in late 2011 after Winfrey ends her weekday syndicated talk show at the close of its 25th season.

Oprah Winfrey

In other Oprah news, the four Canadian boys from MTV's The Buried Life are about to get a golden opportunity that wasn't even on their all-important list: the chance to sit on Oprah's couch.

Dave Lingwood, Ben Nemtin and Duncan and Jonnie Penn will be guests on The Oprah Winfrey Show on Friday.

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FRIDAY

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		211	331	3	GTV	Entertainment	Bulging Brides	X-Weighted "Leanne"		Brothers & Sisters Investigating Oaji's hidden worth.				News Hour
		209	342	6	CHRO	Degrassi	TMZ (N)	Jamie Oliver's Food		Jamie Oliver's Food		Miami Medical (N)		Comedy Now
		196	311	7	CTV	etalk	Access H.	Ghost Whisperer (N)		Medium (N)		The Bridge (N) (DVS)		CTV News
		208	303	8	CBC	Wheel Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Rick Mercer	Marketplace	CBC News: the fifth estate		CBC News: The National		The Hour
		-	360	9	NBC	Wheel Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Who Do You Think You Are?		Dateline NBC (HDTV)				News
		-	362	13	CBS	The Insider	Judge Brown	Ghost Whisperer (N)		Medium (N)		Miami Medical (N)		Two/Half Men
		216	395	14	OMN2	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Omni News: S. Asian Edition		News: Cantonese Edition		Two/Half Men	King/Queens	Cold Case
		214	344	15	CITY	Murdoch Mysteries		Who Do You Think You Are?		Murdoch Mysteries		Departures		News
		218	345	18	CHCH	*Rumble in the Bronx* ★★ (1995, Action) Jackie Chan.				*Cellular* ★★ (2004, Suspense) Kim Basinger, Chris Evans.				News at 11
		-	361	20	ABC	Action News	Entertainment	Jamie Oliver's Food		Jamie Oliver's Food		20/20 (HDTV) (N)		News
		-	365	36	FOX	TMZ (N)	Seinfeld	House "5 to 9"		Kitchen Nightmares (N)		FOX 2 News (N)		News
news		500	500	33	CNN	John King, USA (N)		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV) (N)		
sports		406	417	27	net	Saturday Night Poker		MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Kansas City Royals. (HDTV) (Live)						Prime Time
		126	730	28	RDI	24 Heures en 60 minutes		Les Grands reportages		Le Téléjournal (SC)		RDI économie	Le National	Le Téléjournal
		400	280	30	TSN	Golf	NBA Basketball Toronto Raptors at Atlanta Hawks. (HDTV) (Live)					Golf The Masters, Second Round.		
family		554	544	48	TEL	Batman: Brave	Wolverine	Justice	Star Wars Clo.	Futurama	King of Hill	*Ultimate Avengers: The Movie* (2006)		
		557	540	51	FAM	Sonny Chance	Suite/Deck	*The Cheetah Girls 2* (2006) Raven.			(9:37) *Hatching Pete* (2009, Comedy)			*Hometwn*
		551	542	65	YTV	The Next Star "Finale" (Live)			The Next Star	Things I Hate	That's-Weird	Prank Patrol	Fries That?	Prank Patrol
cable variety		615	520	31	A&E	Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal
		628	584	32	SPKE	CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene		Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	UFC 112
		616	521	39	SHO	Relic Hunter		*Lava Storm* (2008, Suspense) (HDTV) Valérie Valois.				Pure Pwnage	Kenny vs.	Misfits
		520	505	42	DIS	Daily Planet (N)		Dirty Jobs		Man vs. Wild (N)		Engineering Volcanoes		Daily Planet
		581	566	53	MTV	After	After	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	MTV Live	Movie Night	1 girl 5 gays
		522	506	55	HIS	Ax Men (HDTV)		Nostradamus Effect		*The Usual Suspects* ★★★ (1995, Suspense) Stephen Baldwin.				
		603	561	95	FN	Ricardo	Bitchin	Road Grill	Road Grill	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Diners, Drive	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay

SATURDAY

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primetime 4/10/10		265	353	2	TVO	National Geographic		*All the Real Girls* ★★★ (2003, Romance) (DVS)				The Interviews	*Carnal Knowledge*	
		211	331	3	GTV	16:9-Picture	renegade	*A Job to Kill For* (2006, Suspense) Sean Young.				Love-Death	G-Spot	News Hour
		209	342	6	CHRO	The Road to (DVS)		*Maid of Honor* (2006, Suspense) Linda Purl. (DVS)				Stargate Atlantis		Bravo!FACT
		196	311	7	CTV	W5 (N) (DVS)		Flashpoint (DVS)		Law & Order (HDTV)		Spectacle: Elvis		CTV News
		208	303	8	CBC	NHL Hockey Regional Coverage. (HDTV) (Live)						NHL Hockey: Flames at Canucks		
		-	360	9	NBC	Paid Program	Paid Program	Parenthood (HDTV)		Law & Order (HDTV)		Law & Order: Special Victims		News
		-	362	13	CBS	Healing Foods	The Insider	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		48 Hours Mystery (N)		CSI: NY
		216	395	14	OMN2	Most Amazing	Trendy Zone	*King of Chess* (1991, Drama) Tony Leung, Yang Lin.				Once Upon a Time in Toronto		Most Amazing
		214	344	15	CITY	cooking	Most Amazing	Glenn Martin	Out There	*Proof of Lies* (2006, Suspense) Amanda Detmer. (DVS)				Crusoe
		218	345	18	CHCH	*Dinner at Fred's* ★ (1997, Comedy) Gil Bellows.				*Don Juan DeMarco* ★★ (1995, Romance-Comedy)				News at 11
		-	361	20	ABC	Entertainment Tonight		*Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy* ★★ (2004)				Castle "Sucker Punch"		News
		-	365	36	FOX	NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup: Subway Fresh Fit 600. From Phoenix International Raceway in Avondale, Ariz.								News
news		500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Camp. Brown
sports		406	417	27	net	MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Baltimore Orioles. (HDTV) (Live)						Sportsnet Connected		Poker
		126	730	28	RDI	Journal	109 (SC)	Découverte (SC)		Le Téléjournal	Les Grands reportages		Tellement	Le Téléjournal
		400	280	30	TSN	NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup: Subway Fresh Fit 500. (HDTV) From Phoenix International Speedway, Ariz. (Live)								
family		554	544	48	TEL	*Star Wars VI: Return of the Jedi* ★★★ (1983, Science Fiction) Mark Hamill, Carrie Fisher.						Chicken	Futurama	King of Hill
		557	540	51	FAM	Wingin' It	Zoey 101	Suite Life	Han. Montana	*Space Jam* ★★ (1996, Comedy)			*Angus* (1995, Drama)	
		551	542	65	YTV	Zeke's Pad	Prank Patrol	Amer. Funniest Home Videos		That's-Weird	Prank Patrol	Survive This	Ghost	Adrenaline
cable variety		615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Ambush"		CSI: Miami "All In"		CSI: Miami
		628	584	32	SPKE	*Lethal Weapon* ★★★ (1987, Action) Mel Gibson, Gary Busey.					*Lethal Weapon 2* ★★★ (1989, Action) Mel Gibson.			
		616	521	39	SHO	ReGenesis		*Accidental Friendship* (2008, Drama) Chandra Wilson.				*Superbad* ★★★ (2007, Comedy)		
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		581	566	53	MTV	MTV Live	Movie Night	After	After	Cribs	Cribs	Movie Night	MTV Live	After
		522	506	55	HIS	Nostradamus Effect		Cities of the Underworld		*Road to Perdition* ★★★ (2002, Crime Drama) Tom Hanks, Jude Law.				
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SUNDAY

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primetime 4/11/10		265	353	2	TVO	Monarchy		Empire of the Word		Foyle's War "The Russian House" (N)			The View From Here	
		211	331	3	GTV	King of Hill	Cleveland	The Simpsons	Family Guy	The Celebrity Apprentice (N)				News Hour
		209	342	6	CHRO	TMZ (N)		Gossip Girl (HDTV) (N)		America's Next Top Model		Law & Order (HDTV)		In Fashion
		196	311	7	CTV	Human Target (N)		The Amazing Race 16		Undercover Boss (N)		Cold Case "Free Love"		CTV News
		208	303	8	CBC	The Nature of Things		*Ben Hur* (2010, Drama) Joseph Morgan.				CBC News: The National		fifth estate
		-	360	9	NBC	Dateline NBC (HDTV)		Minute to Win It		The Celebrity Apprentice (N)				News
		-	362	13	CBS	60 Minutes (HDTV) (N)		The Amazing Race 16		Undercover Boss (N)		Cold Case "Free Love"		CSI: Miami
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		214	344	15	CITY	Amer. Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Murdoch Mysteries (N)		Hot Toxic Love		Crusoe
		218	345	18	CHCH	*Beetlejuice* ★★★ (1988, Comedy) Michael Keaton.				*Sleepy Hollow* ★★★ (1999, Horror) Johnny Depp.				News at 11
		-	361	20	ABC	Amer. Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Brothers & Sisters Investigating Oaji's hidden worth.				News
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news		500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom		State of the Union		Larry King Live		Newsroom		State/Union
sports		406	417	27	net	MMA Conn	Base	MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Milwaukee Brewers. From Miller Park in Milwaukee.						Sportsnet
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		400	280	30	TSN	NBA Basketball: Bulls at Raptors			Golf The Masters, Final Round. (HDTV) From Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga.					
family		554	544	48	TEL	Spliced	Total Drama	Stoked	6TEEN	Futurama	King of Hill	Chicken	Futurama	Tripping-Rift
		557	540	51	FAM	Wingin' It (N)	Zoey 101	Suite Life	Han. Montana	*Batman Forever* ★★ (1995, Action) Val Kilmer.				*Dennis*
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		628	584	32	SPKE	Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)		Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)		Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)		Entourage	Entourage	Entourage
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		522	506	55	HIS	Ice Road Truckers (HDTV)		History's Secrets		*Apollo 13* ★★★ (1995, Historical Drama) Tom Hanks, Bill Paxton.				
		603	561	95	FN	Challenge		Chef Academy		Iron Chef America		Dinner: Impossible		Restaurant

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George and galpal stage kissy-face photo op

Just in case George Clooney's personal denial of the news he and Elisabetta Canalis split wasn't convincing enough, the star's girlfriend made a photo-friendly PDA-filled visit to the set of his latest film, people.com reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

James breaks silence on sex tapes

CHIVALRY: NOT DEAD, JUST MORTALLY WOUNDED Jesse James is speaking up for the first time since his public apology following the outbreak of his cheating scandal. This time, James tells People magazine that there are no sex tapes out there feature him and estranged wife Sandra Bullock.

"The claims of sex tapes are untrue and completely fabricated," James says. Bullock denied the rumor earlier this week, and James also seems to be commenting on a claim by one of his alleged mistresses that she has around a dozen tapes featuring the Monster Garage star.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Fergie dishes out diet tips

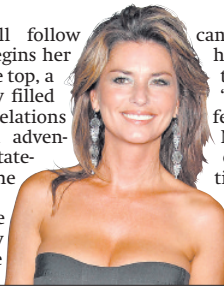
PLUS MY COLONICS, PERSONAL TRAINER AND SPA VACATIONS Black Eyed Peas singer Fergie has come up with several tactics to keep herself from overeating, she admits to Elle magazine. "There are times I play mind tricks on myself, like that the french fries are poison," she says. "With desserts, I'll let myself have just one bite, but I'll look like a freak when I'm eating it, like when I did Duncan Hines commercials as a kid, just savoring every morsel."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Shania to debut comeback series on Oprah channel

GNAW YOUR HEART OUT, MUTT First came heartbreak, then a second chance at love. Next up for country superstar Shania Twain? Her own TV series, people.com reports.

Twain, 44, will star on Why Not? With Shania Twain, an hour-long series premiering on OWN: The Oprah Winfrey Network. "The show will follow (Twain) as she begins her climb back to the top, a personal journey filled with risk, revelations and unexpected adventures," says a statement from the network.



This won't be Twains first foray in front of the camera since her marriage to Robert "Mutt" Lange fell apart in May 2008 over his relationship with her then-friend – and employee – Marie-Anne Thiébaud.

The country singer has posted several personal videos on her Web site in recent months, chronicling her world travels, fun times with her son Eja, 8, and her blossoming romance with her boyfriend Frédéric, who is Thiébaud's ex-husband.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Cage homes seized by bank

TIME FOR ANOTHER NATIONAL TREASURE SEQUEL, NIC It's been a bad week in the world of real estate for Nicolas Cage. The actor lost property in Malibu and an estate in Bel Air to the bank, which put them up for auction Wednesday, according to TMZ. The only problem is no one bid on them, and they are now property of the bank. Bidding started for the pair of plots in Malibu at $10 million, while the bank was seeking at least $11 million for the Bel Air mansion.

METRO WORLD NEWS

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CelebTweets

JUSTIN BIEBER isn't happy with his People magazine cover, **AMY WINEHOUSE** is feeling romantic, **PARIS HILTON** is living on the wild side, and **KE$HA** doesn't get conventional architecture (among many other things).

@justinbieber Dear @peoplemag Covershoot ... next time i laugh real crazy warn me u r still taking pics...still appreciate u but let's get on the same page

@amyjademermaid i love my husband Blake an it aint wrong! marry for life

@Paris Hilton Too tired to go to a movie. Decided to instead stay home and watch "The Simpsons" on dvd with my puppies.

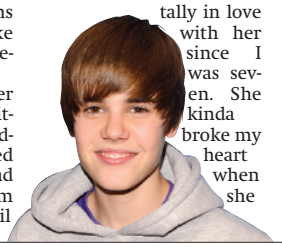
@keshasuxx in a house that looks like a spaceship. Waaaaay into it. Why are houses all square? Hmm

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Bieber: Beyonce broke my heart

MY WEE, PRE-PUBESCENT HEART Justin Bieber claims Beyonce Knowles "broke his heart," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 16-year-old singer has had a crush on the hitmaker for years and admits he was devastated when he learned she had married long-term boyfriend Jay-Z in April 2008. He said: "I've been totally in love with her since I was seven. She kinda broke my heart when she married Jay-Z."



Despite his sadness at her marriage, the singer got the chance to meet his idol at this year's Grammy Awards.

Recalling the encounter, he said: "It was amazing. I was a little nervous but I told her she was very good-looking. Actually she's super hot." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Whitney out of Paris hospital, 'feeling great'

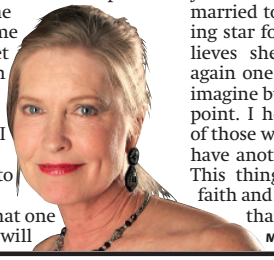
SHE'S NOT RIGHT, BUT SHE'S OK Whitney Houston is out of the hospital and feeling fine, she insists to People magazine after being treated in Paris for a respiratory infection. "I'm feeling great. I'm just ready to move on and continue my world tour," she says. Houston's hospitalization and the subsequent canceling of several European gigs prompted speculation that the singer's past troubles with drugs had resurfaced, but Houston shrugs off the "ridiculous" rumors, saying, "At this point, I just don't respond. I don't even read it."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Swayze widow grieving, but hopeful

STAY STRONG Patrick Swayze's widow says her grief over his death feels like she has been set on fire, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Lisa Niemi admits she is still struggling to come to terms with life without the actor — who died of cancer aged 57 last September — but is hopeful her pain will ease eventually.

"I have a myriad of feelings. Some are extreme, some are a general malaise, sometimes it's like someone has poured gasoline on me and set me on fire," she said. "I just have to have faith that one day it will turn around."



Despite her sorrow, 53-year-old Niemi — who was married to the Dirty Dancing star for 34 years — believes she will find love again one day."It's hard to imagine but I hope at some point. I hope I'm not one of those widows who never have another relationship. This thing has tested my faith and belief. I've learnt that life isn't fair."

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Dina Lohan blasts ex-hubby's new engagement

HOW DARE HE TAKE THE ATTENTION OFF ME! OH WAIT ... Dina Lohan isn't too impressed with the news that Michael Lohan is engaged to former Star magazine reporter Kate Major. "It's certainly a marriage made in tabloid heaven," Dina tells Radar Online.

"I mean, Kate dated Hailey Glassman's ex, Jon Gosselin, then she's best friends with Michael's ex Erin, and now she's engaged to Michael. It all sounds a bit incestuous to me." But that's not all Michael's ex-wife takes issue with. "Where he's finding money for engagement rings and weddings I don't know." she adds. "He's nine months behind in his child support."

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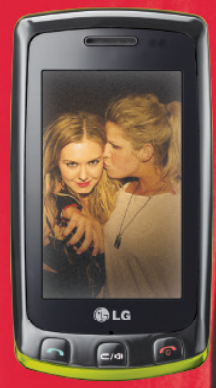

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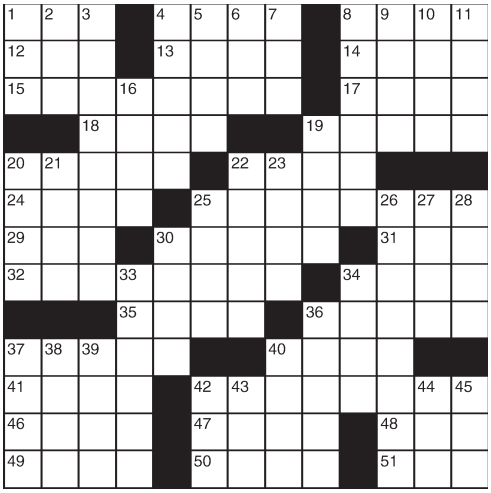

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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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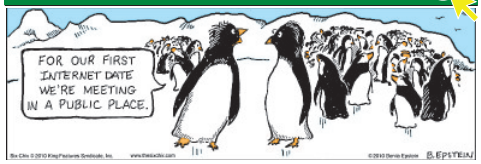

Metro Recipe of the Day

Minted Asparagus and Pea soup

INGREDIENTS:

250 g asparagus spears
1 tbsp olive oil
2 shallots, chopped
175 g potatoes, peeled and chopped
150 g frozen peas
2 2/3 cups vegetable stock
small sprig of fresh mint
4 tbsp Greek-style yogourt
40 g toasted pine nuts

METHOD:

1. Snap off any woody ends from asparagus stalks at point where they break easily. Cut off tender tips and reserve. Roughly chop remainder.

2. Heat olive oil in large, heavy pot and add shallots, chopped asparagus and potatoes. Cover and cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, 6-8 minutes or until tender.

3. Reserve handful of peas and add remainder to pot with stock and mint sprig. Cook for few minutes if potato is not quite tender. Season, then tip into food processor or blender and process to smooth purée. Return to pot.

4. Blanch asparagus tips and reserved peas in pot of boiling water 2 minutes. Drain. Bring soup to boil, then stir in blanched asparagus tips and peas. Ladle into bowls. Swirl spoonful of yogourt on to each and scatter pine nuts over top.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You are in one of your devil-may-care moods at the moment and that's good because the more risks you take the more you will achieve.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Certain people may be annoyingly obstructive but there is nothing they can do to stop you reaching your target.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
If you want to impress those you live and work with just be yourself. There is no need to pretend you know more than you do.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
If someone annoys you today you will let them know in no uncertain fashion that their actions and opinions mean nothing to you.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
It may be a while before you can expand your horizons fully but there is still plenty you can do to make life more interesting.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
If you continue to work behind the scenes you will accomplish something that not only brings you happiness but impresses some very important people too.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
The cracks in a relationship have got too wide to paper over, so it's time to make a decision about its future.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Nothing happens by chance. The things you are experiencing now are largely the result of the thoughts and feelings you had in the past.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
Others may say you lack ambition but the fact is you cannot be bothered to take certain things seriously. There is more to life than money and getting ahead.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
If an offer falls short of what you expect today you are advised to reject it and move on. They obviously don't value your true worth.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Whatever your duties and commitments may be you must still find time to do the things that you enjoy. Whether or not they are useful is beside the point.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Try not to be too critical of other people's efforts today. No doubt you only want to help but a colleague's or loved one's confidence is fragile.

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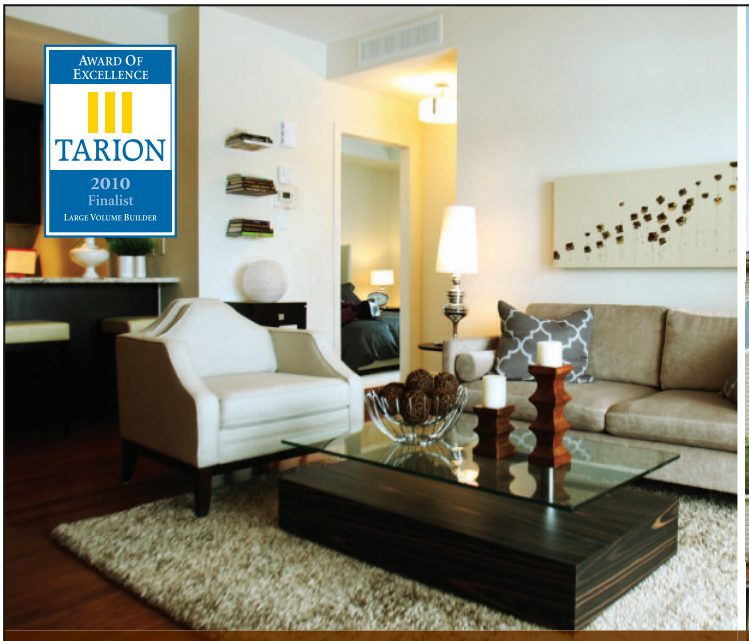

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